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(Derby County)

SOMEONE at West Brom has got to have a sense of humour. Since ex-manager Ronnie Allen's departure to the Middle East, colour brochures of Saudi Arabia have been arriving at The Hawthorns.

Some of the players have apparently been tempted, but so far, there have been no contracts attached to the circulars.

RECORD FOR ANDERSON

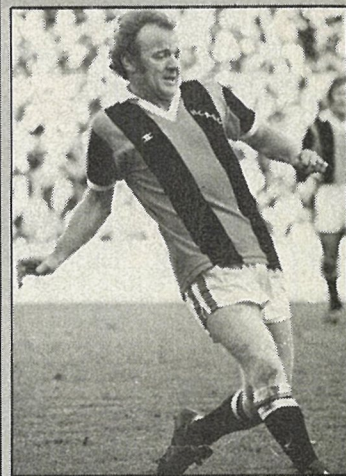
TREVOR ANDERSON'S £20,000 Christmas move from Swindon Town to promotion-seeking Peterborough United could see the 25-year-old Ulsterman soon smashing ex-Eire player Ollie Connolly's four-cap international appearance record for a Posh star.

Already capped 18 times and an ever-present during Danny Blanchflower's managerial reign, stylish Anderson could also become the first Northern Ireland striker to make an impact at London Road since the legendary Derek Dougan, back in the early 1960's.

The Doog hit 38 goals in 77 League games for Posh before his 1965 transfer to Leicester and eventual stardom with Wolves. Strangely, though, big Derek, who totalled 43 caps with Portsmouth, Blackburn, Aston Villa, Leicester and Wolves, wasn't honoured while at Peterborough.

But current cap Anderson, scorer of more than 30 goals in well over a century of League appearances with Swindon, after spells at Portadown and Manchester United, has no intention of repeating his compatriot's barren international run at London Road.

Bremner quitting Hull for the States?



BILLY BREMNER (left), one time hero of Leeds United and Scotland, is off to America at the end of the season!

Although he is still starring in the Second Division for Hull City, Billy has decided to carve out a new career for himself in the booming world of American football.

"I'm seriously thinking of seeing what the game has to offer over there," says Billy, whose two-year contract with Hull expires at the end of the season.

"I'm still fit and playing well, but have always said I would quit the game here before it became a bind to turn out to play."

"Football in the States is on the upgrade and I believe I have still got plenty to offer to help its development."

Several clubs will be keen to hear this news, especially Cosmos of New York and Los Angeles Aztecs.

However, Hull manager Bobby Collins hopes to persuade his old Elland Road club-mate to change his mind.

"Billy's skill and experience means such a lot to us," said Bobby. "I don't want to see him go."

Sacked

One reason for Billy's decision could be the fact he was very disappointed not to have been offered the manager's job at Boothferry Park when John Kaye was sacked.

Whatever happens at the end of the season, all on SHOOT naturally wish our former star columnist the best of luck for the future.

MUD . . . MUD . . . GLORIOUS MUD
Northampton's 'keeper Carl Jayes doesn't seem to be enjoying a very wet winter's morning training session. Can you blame him?



NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

THE SINGING goalkeeper . . . that's the title Scottish international Alan Rough could well earn for himself in the future.

The blond Partick Thistle star sings to himself during games to help keep his concentration.

"I got the idea from Aberdeen's Bobby Clark," says Alan. "At an international get-together he told me he often sings or talks to himself. I gave it a try and it worked."

"My concentration doesn't wander now, I'm glad to say, but I have no immediate plans to break into the hit parade!"

● TOP IRISH statistician Tony Reid has recently compiled a League of Ireland Yearbook, called Soccer Special. The book contains facts and figures on every club in the League. Readers outside of Ireland wishing to buy a copy can do so by writing to Tara Publishing Co., Ltd., 3 Lower Street, Dublin 1. Price . . . 50p plus 10p for postage.

LIVERPOOL defender Alan Hansen, who cost £100,000 from Partick Thistle, still lives in club digs. And Mrs Edwards, who has mothered so many of Anfield's star players, is certain Alan is the easiest of them all to feed.

"He just loves and lives on beans," she says. "Every week my dustbin is full of empty bean cans."

● Tip to any aspiring golfers on the Anfield staff. Sharpen up your game if you play Alan. He is a former Scottish schoolboy golf international.

WEST BROM defender Paddy Mulligan said in a recent SHOOT interview he hoped to have a few more seasons in the First Division . . . but Galway Rovers have other ideas.

The League of Ireland newcomers, struggling in their first season in senior football, hope to have the Eire international as their player-manager next season.

However, if and when Paddy does return home it seems more likely he will go back to his former club Shamrock Rovers, now managed by his ex-Albion boss Johnny Giles.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST have joined the band of clubs promoting lotteries to boost their finances.

They hope to make a return of £150,000 this season, compared to £87,000 from fund-raising tickets sold last term. Tickets cost 20p and weekly prize money totals £3,700.

ASTON VILLA star Alex Cropley should make a complete recovery from the double leg fracture he received against West Brom. Tests and X-rays have shown there are no complications. Good news, indeed!

NOT WANTED

BIRMINGHAM CITY and England star Trevor Francis isn't popular with ALL youngsters, it seems. While visiting the children's ward of a Midlands hospital over Christmas he asked one patient if he could sit on his bed for a while.

"No you can't" said the boy. "And I don't want your autograph, either."

Before Trevor could think of a reply, the boy called over a nurse and said: "When he's gone can you change the sheets. I'm a Liverpool supporter."

Well, you can't win them all, Trev.

SAD SANSOM

CRYSTAL PALACE full-back Ken Sansom (below) was disappointed because he was not picked for the England Under-21 team that played Finland at Hull just before the end of the year.

"Ron Greenwood rang me to tell me he wanted to try out West Brom's Derek Statham," said sad Sansom.



MARSHALL BURKE, Burnley's versatile 18-year-old prospect, has come manfully through his tough grounding in a struggling Turf Moor outfit this season.

Glasgow-born Burke, a Burnley professional only since March, has had some lasting experience both for the Scottish schoolboy and youth teams.

In April this year he was voted "Player of the Tournament" in Cannes while representing the Scotland Youth side.

At Youth level he gained invaluable experience playing against such countries as Belgium, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Portugal.

NOTTS COUNTY'S Scottish manager Jimmy Sirrel is turning to his home country to provide the youth at the club.

He recently signed 16-year-old John Donnelly from Glasgow to strengthen the ranks of the apprentice professionals at Meadow Lane.

Midfielder John teams up with Gordon Muir and Brian Mitchell as young Scots on County's staff.

ROYSTON TAYLOR, a 21-year-old midfielder, has played for two Lancashire clubs, but it is to a third that he received most of his youthful inspiration.

Taylor, now with Blackburn, following spells with Preston and Sunderland, is Blackpool born and it was in watching the Seasiders he learned so much.

His great favourites at the Bloomfield Road club were midfield stars Alan Ball and then Tony Green.

Ball, of England fame, moved on to Everton and Arsenal and is now with Southampton. Green, who started out with Scottish club Albion, went to Newcastle, but injury forced him out of the game.

England Vicar

THE Rev, Michael Pusey, minister of Farnborough Baptist Church in Farnborough, Hampshire, wrote to England manager Ron Greenwood suggesting he should appoint an international chaplain.

Mr. Pusey, 44, who is chaplain to Aldershot, says: "Let's face it — such an appointment wouldn't do any harm."

"The chaplain could help players with things that might be bothering them, like domestic troubles or worries over their careers."

No looking back for Bailey

WHEN Middlesbrough full-back Terry Cooper entered hospital for a cartilage operation, understudy Ian Bailey (right) shelved a transfer request.

The 21-year-old Bailey had been kept in the background by the class and consistency of the former Leeds United and England star.

"Playing in second team football can be soul destroying," said Ian. "No atmosphere and a case of spot the crowd on deserted terraces. At 21, I felt I had to achieve a breakthrough."

The two-month absence of Cooper gives Bailey, a player of similar attacking style, the chance to stake a regular claim for first team football.

SPOT THE BALL . . . Chelsea's Ken Swain finds an unusual place to "hide" the ball while his team-mates form a defensive wall at Birmingham City recently. The Londoners won the game 5-4.



Spurs eye Gary

A CHIP off the old block. That's what they are saying about Plymouth Argyle youngster Gary Megson, son of former Bristol Rovers manager Don.

Gary got his chance to show his midfield skills in the Third Division when ex-Liverpool star Brian Hall was transferred to Burnley in October.

He did so well he's been a regular in the side ever since. And Spurs are just one of the top clubs keeping an eye on him.

SOCCER HISTORY

RODNEY FERN (number 8) rises to head Chesterfield's second goal in a 3-1 win over Bradford City on 31st December, 1977. That was their 1,000 League victory since joining the Football League in 1899.

The highest position Chesterfield have achieved in all that time was fourth place in the Second Division in 1946-47.

Their present spell in the Third Division began with the winning of the Fourth Division Championship in 1969-70.

Full League record to the end of 1977 is: P: 2,531. W: 1,000. D: 571. L: 960. Goals For: 3,849. Against: 2,571.

EIRE CUP DRAW

DUNDALK, holders of the F.A. of Ireland Cup, have been drawn away to Cork Celtic in the Second Round to be played on February 19.

Limerick, beaten Finalists last season, also have to travel — to Athlone Town — while Johnny Giles' Shamrock Rovers are away to the winners of the Dalkey United v Finn Harps First Round tie.

The Second Round draw is:—
Shelbourne v Cork Alberts; St. James' Gate or Home Farm v Avondale or Galway Rovers; Athlone Town v Limerick; Bohemians v A.I.B. or Waterford; Dalkey United or Finn Harps v Shamrock Rovers; Thurles Town v Drogheda United; Cork Celtic v Dundalk; St. Patrick's Athletic v Sligo Rovers.

Hayes Aims For Top!

LINFIELD'S Northern Ireland youth international full-back Terry Hayes is attracting several cross-channel clubs.

The 18-year-old defender, rated by Blues' boss Roy Coyle as one of the best prospects in Irish soccer, was named Ulster's Player of the Month last December, underlining his ever-improving form in the senior game.

In fact, talented Terry could soon follow in the Irish international footsteps of former post-war Linfield full-backs like Alf McMichael and Dick Keith (both ex-Newcastle United), Jimmy Feeney (ex-Swansea), and John Parke, the former Hibs and Sunderland defender.

COWDENBEATH'S manager, Paddy Wilson, has introduced a system of fines for needless bookings or orderings off.

Wilson's move began at the start of the year when he had four players facing disciplinary charges. He said with a pool of only 16 players any suspensions on top of injuries could cause serious problems. The fines will be imposed for "silly offences" such as talking back to referees, kicking the ball away, or retaliating.



EIGHT BOSSES

BRUCE RIOCH'S move back to Derby from Everton created what must be some sort of record. The Scotland captain played under EIGHT different managers during 1977.

TWO at Derby in the early part of the year: Dave Mackay and Colin Murphy; THREE at Everton: Billy Bingham, Steve Burtenshaw and Gordon Lee; TWO different bosses with Scotland: Willie Ormond and Ally MacLeod; and now he's back at the Baseball Ground again, Tommy Docherty!

Joked Bruce: "It's become a popular quiz question around football circles, but I hope I've finished my travels now."

PROMOTION-CHASING Falkirk have already set up a British record this season by appointing a 17-year-old as team skipper.

He is Gary Gillespie, a local boy, who manager Billy Little describes as mature for his years. Gillespie works in a Falkirk bank and is still young enough to have been picked twice this season for the Scottish Youth squad.

S.F.A. coach Andy Roxburgh, confirming Little's high opinion of the new Brockville captain, said: "He will be an important member of the Scotland squad for the European Youth Championship in Poland next summer."

● A five star performance against Meadowbank Thistle by Stenhousemuir's Ian Gibb has made a number of managers sit up and take notice. It was not only Ian's "hat-trick", which also won him a crate of whisky, but the way he took all three goals — everyone a cracker.

Gibb joined the Larbert side only a year ago from the junior side Bathgate Thistle.



Spotlight on Shinton

BOBBY SHINTON, who was playing on West Bromwich parks only five years ago, is attracting considerable attention with his displays for Wrexham.

Shinton, who first came into the game with Walsall, has now made nearly 200 Football League appearances and is playing a big part in Wrexham's push for promotion.

The Midlander also had a spell with Cambridge United but he has really emerged at the Racecourse Ground.

He said: "There is so much talent in the side my game has got to improve."

LIMERICK, the League of Ireland club which almost went out of existence last season, now have two of the hottest properties in Irish soccer.

Right full-back Pat Nolan has been attracting a lot of scouts and starred for the League of Ireland against the

Republic of Ireland World Cup side in October.

Now Limerick have signed young midfielder Johnny Walsh on professional terms as he too has been getting rave notices and has become a target for English clubs.

SCOTLAND'S VALUE OF

ON WEDNESDAY, October 12th, 1977, when Scotland beat Wales to qualify for the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina, the transfer value of everyone in the Scotland squad was immediately enhanced.

Clubs who subsequently made enquiries about any of the international members were invariably told their value had soared since qualification.

SHOOT decided to take a look at 16 of the players likely to be included in Ally MacLeod's Argentina-bound squad, to assess their form this season for their clubs, and place uprated prices on their heads.

ALAN ROUGH (PARTICK)

26-year-old Rough has been on the transfer list for some time now without moving. We find it very hard to understand, especially as he is Scotland's number one goalkeeper and playing consistently well for his Premier Division club Partick Thistle.

Shoot Value: £100,000

SANDY JARDINE (RANGERS)

29-year-old Jardine is playing a vital part in helping his club to the Premier Division Championship with some sturdy performances in the Ibrox Park defence. A talented full-back who loves to over-lap and scores a fair share of goals from that position.

Shoot Value: £125,000

TOM FORSYTH (RANGERS)

Plays alongside Jardine in the defence for Rangers. He has been a model of consistency as their goals-against column indicates. The 29-year-old has gained in confidence over the past few years and has developed into a fine sweeper.

Shoot Value: £170,000

WILLIE DONACHIE (MAN. CITY)

As City search for honours, Donachie is playing a major role. No longer are they a soft touch away from home, and the 26-year-old full-back epitomises their new-found steel. Banned from the opening World Cup game because of two yellow cards in qualifying ties.

Shoot Value: £300,000

GORDON McQUEEN (LEEDS)

Regarded by many as the best centre-half in Europe at present. This is true when you consider the number of clubs enquiring to buy the blond 25-year-old who is on the Elland Road transfer list. Powerful in the air and at set-pieces.

Shoot Value: £440,000

WILLIE
DONACHIE



Sandy Jardine (dark shirt)
in action for Scotland
against Sweden

SUCCESS BOOSTS WORLD CUP STARS

LOU MACARI (MAN. UTD.)

As Manchester United struggle to find consistency, their 28-year-old little midfielder Macari, who scored Division One's first hat-trick this season, has been playing tremendously. Always in the thick of the action and gets his name on the scoresheet regularly.

Shoot Value: £350,000.

DON MASSON (DERBY)

A cultured midfield player who arrived late on the international front but who is operating superbly. Since moving to Derby earlier this season the 32-year-old Masson has been playing some of the best football of his career.

Shoot Value: £200,000

KENNY DALGLISH (LIVERPOOL)

Has fully justified the massive fee paid by Liverpool before the start of the season. The 26-year-old Dalglish is their top scorer, and his goals have helped 'Pool to the League Cup Semi-Finals and kept them in pursuit of Nottingham Forest in the First Division Championship race.

Shoot Value: £500,000

ASA HARTFORD (MAN. CITY)

Midfield inspiration of City and Scotland, Asa has played a leading part in the Maine Road club's fine season so far. World Cup observers in Argentina will admire the 27-year-old's tremendous work-rate for Scotland. Leeds must be kicking themselves for calling off a £170,000 transfer back in November, 1971.

Shoot Value: £350,000.

JOE JORDAN (MAN. UTD.)

Despite the critics who say striker Joe is not a consistent goalscorer Manchester United's massive £350,000 signing of Joe will prove money well spent. The 26-year-old Scot is one of the most fearless players in the game and his non-stop worrying upsets the best of defences.

Shoot Value: £350,000

WILLIE JOHNSTON (W.B.A.)

Scotland will be hoping their 31-year-old winger will keep out of trouble in Argentina. His quick temper has seen him sent-off ten times in his career. But his brilliant ball-control and accurate centres makes him a must for the well-balanced side Scotland take to Argentina where they will value his whole-hearted displays.

Shoot Value: £160,000

MARTIN BUCHAN (MAN. UTD.)

28-year-old Martin is a brilliant defender, very cool under pressure and quick to see a chance to break from defence and set his team or country on the attack. He has skippered Scotland and is the inspiring captain of the Old Trafford club and as such led them to their F.A. Cup triumph in May.

Shoot Value: £320,000

BRUCE RIOCH (DERBY)

Hard-tackling midfielder who has already been featured in three big transfer deals. The 30-year-old's tremendous shooting has seen him score many spectacular goals for club and country. Bruce once scored four goals in a match v Tottenham when tried as a central striker in his first spell with Derby.

Shoot Value: £200,000

ANDY GRAY (ASTON VILLA)

Central striker Andy is only 22 and is already one of the most feared strikers in the world. Brilliant in the air and is on the half chance in a flash. He missed three of Scotland's World Cup qualifying games after being sent-off v the Czechs. Is now free to lead the Scottish attack in the World Cup Finals.

Shoot Value: £450,000

GEORGE WOOD (EVERTON)

Everton paid Blackpool £150,000 for George in August, 1977, and the brilliant displays of the Douglas-born 23-year-old have placed him well in the running for the number two goal-keeper spot in Scotland's World Cup squad when it is named by boss Ally MacLeod. Very agile and has quick reflexes.

Shoot Value: £200,000

DANNY McGRAIN (CELTIC)

Celtic and Scotland supporters will be hoping 27-year-old Danny will soon be back in action. Rated by many experts the best full-back in the world, Danny is an automatic choice for his country. Celtic's low League position is proof of how much he has been missed by his club.

Shoot Value: £300,000

ANDY GRAY



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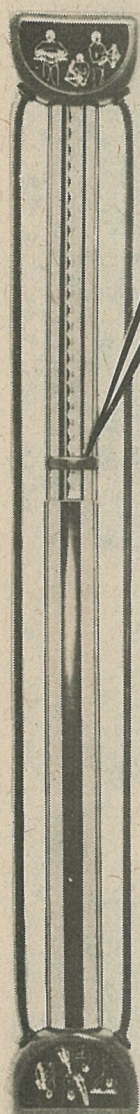
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It's important, though, to maintain the proper balance. Football must always come first, and other, outside, activities second.

Get your priorities wrong, and you could end up on your way down in the game and no longer receive invitations to write for newspapers, magazines, appear on TV and radio, or to endorse products.

Your performances on the field determine the demand for your services off the field.

My former team-mate, Kevin Keegan, was inundated with requests for personal appearances, endorsements, etc, and at times was really under pressure, so I've taken the precaution of not accepting too many. I'm not claiming to be as popular as Kev — he's a real superstar, a big crowd-puller.

Mostly I'm called upon to open shops, mainly those selling sports goods, although there have been a fair number of supermarkets, wine stores and male boutiques.

On these occasions I spend most of my time chatting with would-be customers and signing autographs for them.

So far I've always managed to draw the crowds — in fact on one occasion, when I was accompanied by Liverpool and England team-mate Phil Neal, we managed to attract such a throng we stopped the traffic and police ordered our host to shut up shop.

It was completely unexpected. Because it didn't happen in Liverpool, where we are star attractions, but in London where we are not nearly as well-known.

So many people came along they blocked the street, traffic ground to a full-stop, and the crush of bodies threatened to shatter shop windows.

The sole policeman on duty summoned help, but even with five others he was unable to control the crowd, and a police-inspector said as he could no longer guarantee their safety the shop must close.

It was like a referee abandoning a match because of crowd invasion!

As you probably know, I often appear on radio and TV. My radio work is mainly confined to commentating on Everton's

mid-week games on Radio City and Merseyside.

The radio station invite Everton players to do the same when Liverpool are playing.

In the North, Granada Television put out a half-hour programme on Friday nights, and I'm often invited along when I'm available. And I've done interviews for ITV's "On the Ball" which goes out on Saturday lunch-times.

A lot of players find it a nerve-racking experience — worse than appearing in a Cup Final at Wembley — but I've got over my initial stage-fright and thoroughly enjoy facing the cameras.

Last year I made a TV commercial which introduced a football card collecting scheme for a new brand of crisps. I appeared only for about 15 seconds, but it took a whole day to "get in the can".

There were two sequences: one in which I reproduced a save I'd made for England. I spent an hour-



OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES'

RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer

and-a-half — the length of a match — making save after save until the director decided I'd got it right.

The next sequence was one in which a young lad, sitting on a park bench, opened a bag of crisps and took out a card on which was my picture. I was to walk up behind him, and tap him on the shoulder, then he was meant to turn round, look surprised, and offer me a crisp.

At the first "take" the unfortunate lad, feeling very nervous, turned round, dropped the crisps and handed me the card!

That scene should qualify for the next televised collection of film "takes" that went wrong!

I've just completed my contribution to a coaching film, on the same lines as my book "Clemence on Goalkeeping". First I'm shown making a save or move in an actual match and then practising it at our Melwood training ground.

Also in the film — appearing before me — are Colin Todd, Gordon Hill, Mike Channon and Kevin Keegan.

My only complaint was I played the part of the goalkeeper when the last three demonstrated their skills and I got very fed-up allowing them to score. When I "accidentally" saved the furious director reminded me my turn was to come!

I recently attended a run-through of the film, scheduled for our TV in April, and was most impressed. I hope you will be, too.

The makers also plan to sell it to America, where it should help to educate youngsters there into the skills of the game.

Coaching youngsters is something that gives me great satisfaction. Unfortunately, because of an average of two games a week, training and other commitments, I rarely get the opportunity to do it during the season.

However, for the past three close seasons, which have been very short for me because of international duties, I've been able to set aside three days for coaching: one at the Derbyshire Miners' Holiday Centre, and two at Butlin's Holiday Camp, both at Skegness, my home town.

I always do my utmost to attend charity functions, and testimonial events. Because most footballers play golf, organisers of testimonials invariably include a tournament, and I find them great fun.

This is the testimonial year of my long-serving team-mate, Ian Callaghan, and I've already been invited to play in his "Pro-am" golf-



'Mostly I'm called upon to open sports shops'

ing tournament.

A footballer's playing career, when he earns high money, is of necessity short and it's important he capitalises on every opportunity to gain some financial security for himself and his family. And these "outside activities" can help him to this end, providing, as I said before, he is sensible and does not allow them to affect his playing form.

This Saturday, Ipswich Town — a side strongly fancied to be in there scrapping for all the honours this season — come to Anfield for a League game. The boys from Suffolk have yet again failed to live up to expectations, although they gave us the traditional hard game at Portman Road in mid-September when we conceded a soft goal in the second-half, and our new signing Kenny Dalglish earned us a point by scoring his sixth goal for us.

Since then, Ipswich have been hit by a succession of sidelining injuries to key players, such as Kevin Beattie, Trevor Whymark, Paul Mariner, Clive Woods and Brian Talbot.

Ipswich did marvellously in the home tie against Barcelona, beating the Spanish side 3-0, but lost the return by 3-0 and went out in a penalty decider.

This seems to be a habit with them — winning at home, and losing away. I attribute it to their dedication to all-out attack, a fatal policy, particularly in Europe.

Ray Clemence

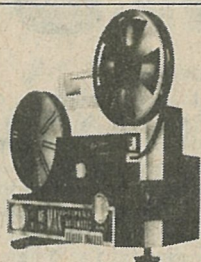


'Ipswich lose too many away games'

Above Ray attended the opening of team-mate Steve Heighway's shop, and played wicket-keeper behind batsman Jim Pearson of Everton. Ipswich's Paul Mariner (centre) in action against West Brom.

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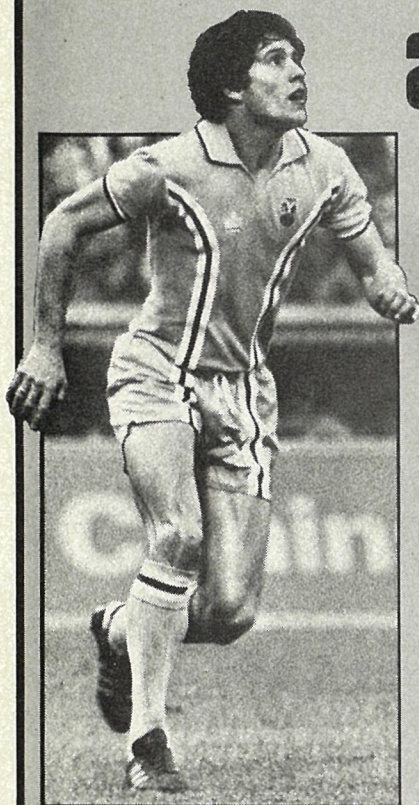
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"My strengths are on the ground and I'm over six foot, so I'm pretty fair in the air. If I have a weakness, then it must be concentration. Sometimes I have a tendency to dream. I have a lapse. Instead of

KEITH OSGOOD

Coventry City

WHEN Keith Osgood left Spurs to join Coventry City in January for £125,000, the message from Sky Blues' manager Gordon Milne was straight to the point.

Milne told Osgood: "Come on in and enjoy your football, that's what this club's all about."

Osgood, 22, was delighted. He says: "Coventry's attacking formation suits my style fine. At times I go up for corners and if I get a chance to go forward with the ball, then I do. I'm not one for going so far, then passing and reverting to the back line. I go all the way into the box while someone fills in for me at the back.

"I know Gordon Milne has had his injury problems and he's been forced to play people out of position. Happily the injury problems are easing. Jim Holton is fit again after a calf muscle injury received in December — he'll be in contention for a first team place.

"I'm looking forward to playing with Jim. I've heard a lot about him. He's a good player — aggressive in the air. I think they've got it in mind to play Holton and me in the middle of the back-four.

"Have I any regrets at leaving Tottenham? No, not really, but the lads and the crowd were quite good to me there. I was, in a way, sorry to leave, yet you've got to move sometime in your career and I thought it was about time I pushed on. I'd been at Spurs for seven years — ever since I left school, and joining Coventry has been a new lease of life for me.

"I made my First Division debut at Newcastle in 1974 and Spurs

keeping my mind on the game and watching where my opponent is going I follow the ball all the time, and that's when I lose concentration. But Terry Yorath's sorting me out on this one. He's at me all through the game and I haven't got time to dream, not with this club.

"I get angry over bad tackles. This really infuriates me. I mean, if somebody comes in with a bad tackle and breaks someone's leg, then that could be the end of his career. It's only a short one as it is. It's doing a fellow professional down, isn't it?

"The pleasing part for me is we're one of the best countries in the world for football and if we work at our skills more then we could become like we were in 1966 — World Cup winners.

"But we've got to work on our skills and we've got to have more coaches in the Dave Sexton bracket and more of the Brian Cloughs.

"What do I think is so special about Brian Clough? He's a great manager and he's a great motivator. He makes a player believe in himself and he breeds confidence by building a player up before a match.

"There isn't really a lot of difference between Tottenham and Coventry — I would put them on a par. They're both marvellous clubs

NOBODY was more surprised than Dave Needham when he signed for First Division leaders Nottingham Forest.

Twenty-eight-year-old Needham had been out of the city for only six months after joining Queens Park Rangers from Second Division Notts County for £80,000 in the close season.

Says Needham: "I was amazed to hear Forest were after me but after talking to Brian Clough and Peter Taylor I was convinced it was the only move for me. You've got to admire these two people. I had never even met them until I had talks about a possible transfer but it was obvious just talking to them there is a certain magic or charisma about them.

"It will take some getting used to playing for Forest because for so many years while I was with

DAVE NEEDHAM

Nottingham Forest

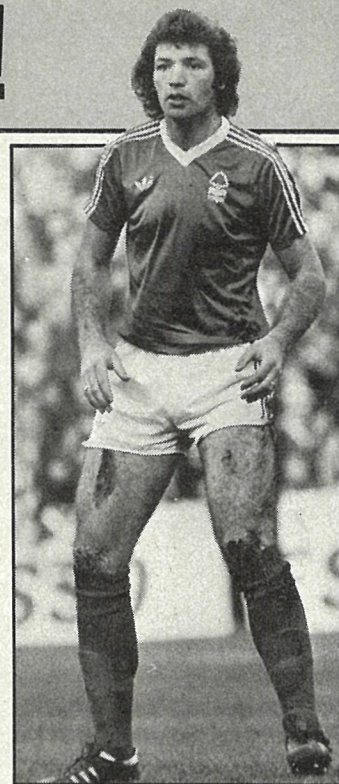
Notts County they were our arch rivals.

"I'll always have a great affection for County. It's not something that disappears just because you move to a club across the road. But my only aim now is to be successful and do well with Forest.

"It's nice to play alongside Peter Shilton again. We were in the same Leicester Schools team and joined Blaby Boys together."

Needham made 465 appearances for the Magpies before moving to Q.P.R. but instead of uprooting to London he has continued to live with his wife and family in their cottage at Market Bosworth in Leicestershire.

Forest manager Brian Clough and his assistant Peter Taylor have long admired Needham and were given the brush-off by their



Nottingham rivals when they inquired about him last season. They were eager to complete the transfer now, however, because of the injury to Larry Lloyd who broke a bone in his foot against Coventry.

Adds Needham: "I was not really thinking about moving down to London even though I used to sometimes get fed up with the travelling. I really enjoyed playing at Queens Park Rangers, the players and the manager were great.

"I know it's going to be harder playing with a team that is at the top of the First Division but I am sure I can adapt myself to the different circumstances at the City Ground. This is something I will have to concentrate on."

Peter Taylor says: "Dave Needham is one of the top centre-halves in the country and I would put him in the same class as Dave Watson of Manchester City.

"He's good in the air, is highly competitive and he knows when to go forward. On top of that he has an outstanding character."

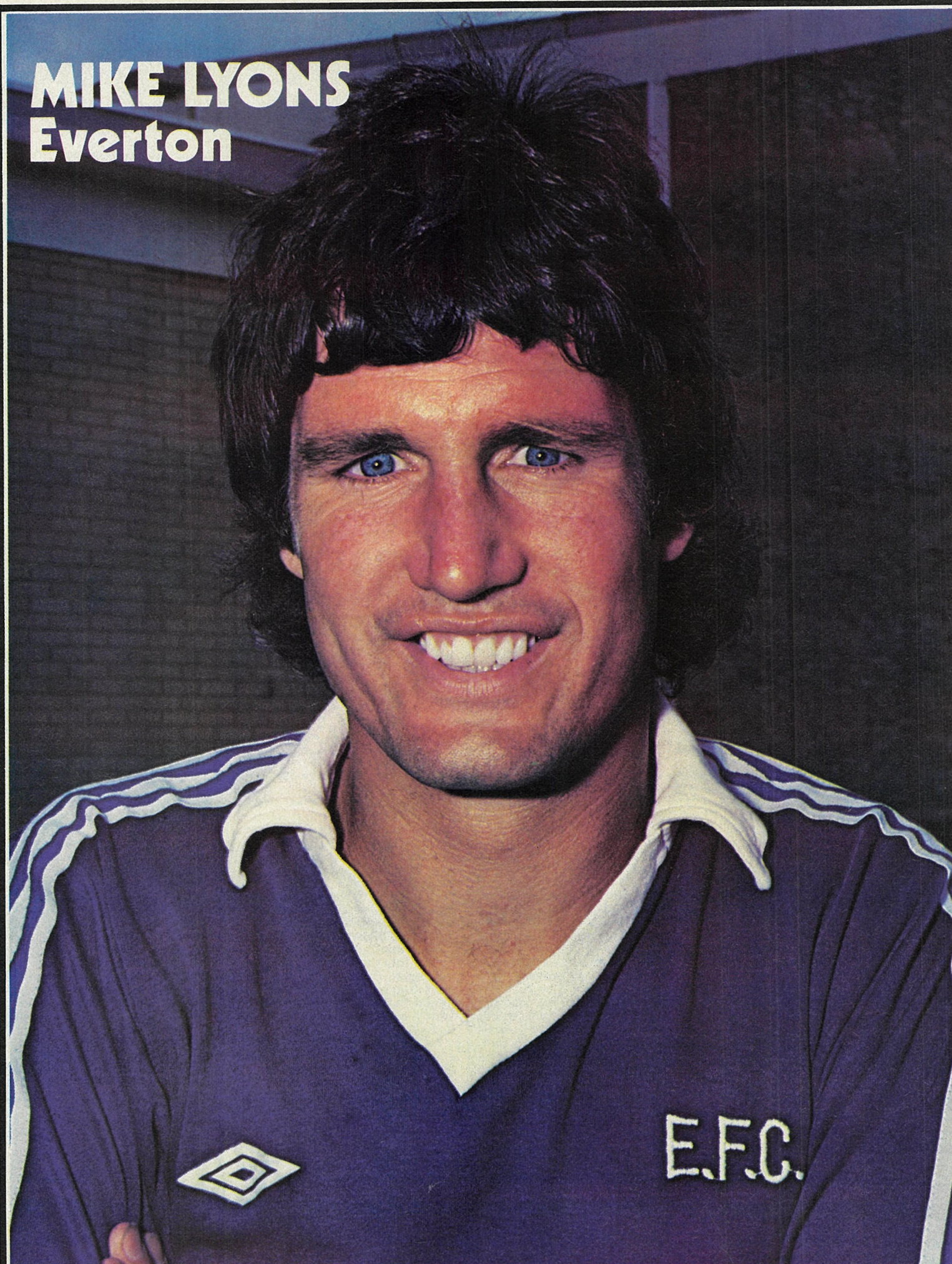
to me. Spurs have had their bad spells and they're coming back again. They look like returning to the top flight and I for one, hope they do.

"Coventry are on the verge of greatness and teams have a great deal of respect for them now, which is shown by the results they've had this season. The attitude inside the club with the players is terrific. They want to win

all the time, even in training. Nobody shirks anything. The tackles are there, the heading, the challenge and everything else.

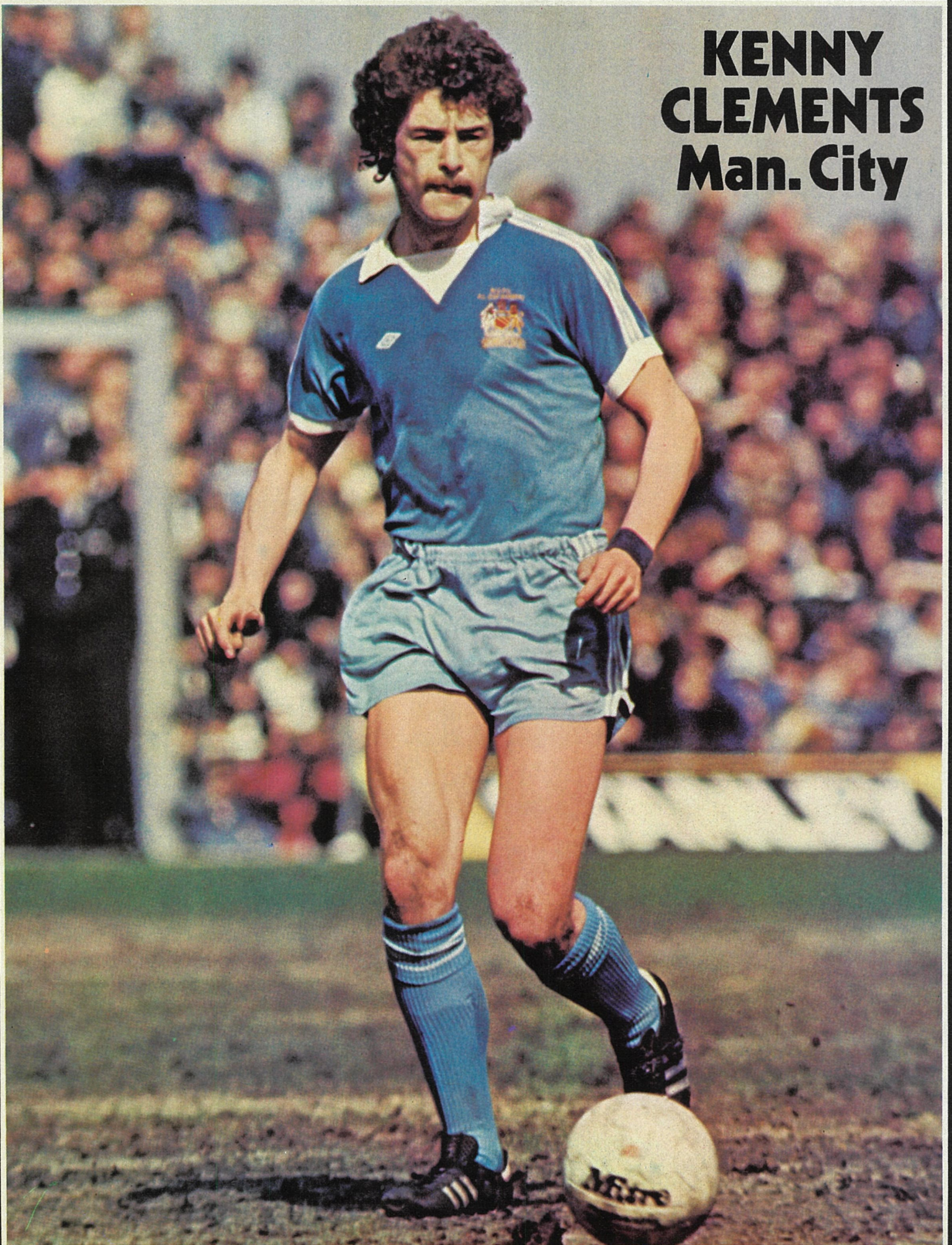
"We're in the top seven at the moment and we hope to achieve European status next term. It looks a reality, it looks good. I'm confident we'll make it, although there are some hard matches to play, and it will be a testing time, but I'm sure we'll pull through."

MIKE LYONS
Everton

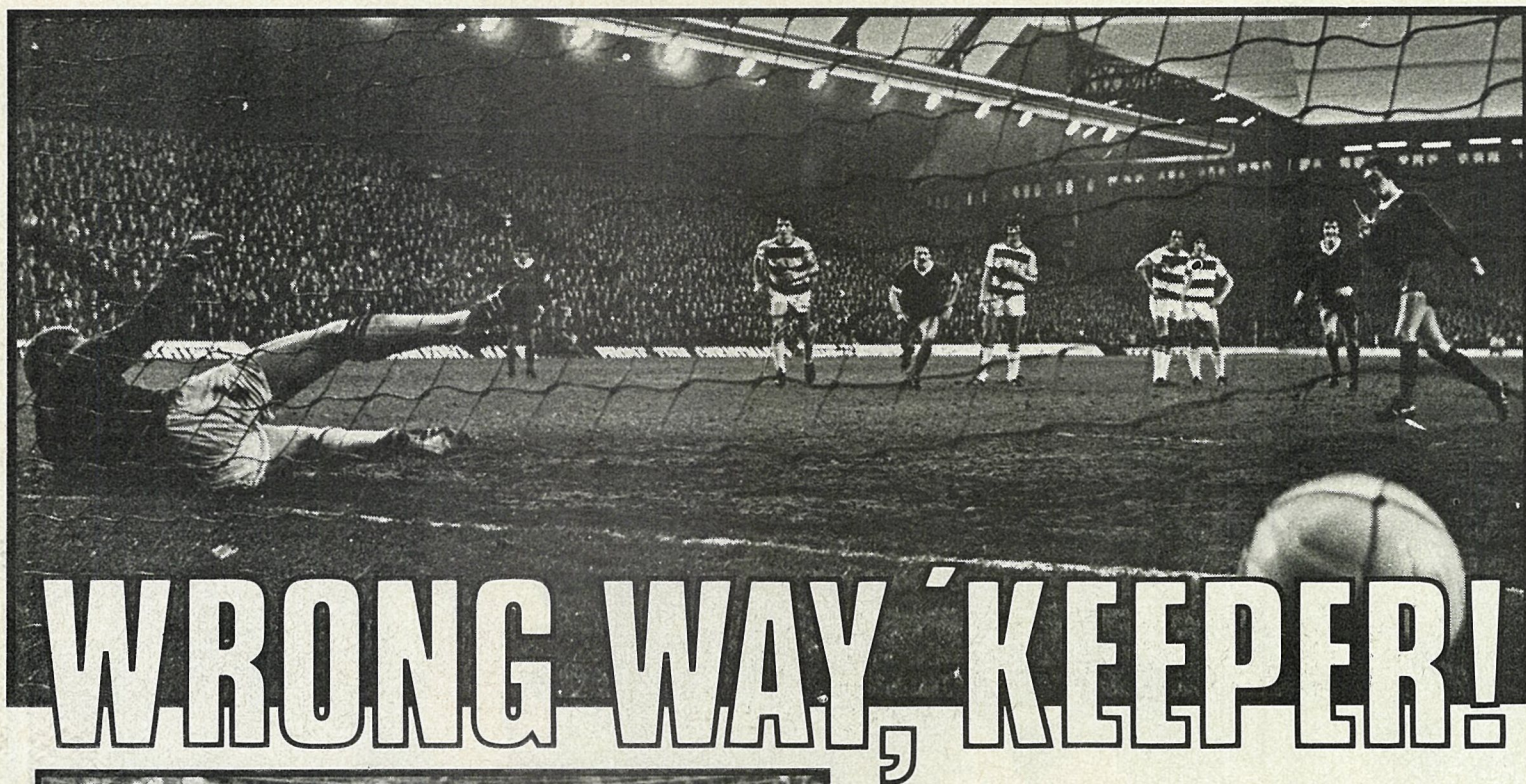


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WRONG WAY 'KEEPER!



ABOVE . . . Liverpool's ace penalty-taker Phil Neal gives Queens Park Rangers' goalkeeper Derek Richardson no chance as he coolly slots home from 12 yards during the League clash at Anfield earlier this season.

LEFT . . . Mansfield 'keeper Rod Arnold can do nothing about stopping David Peach (number three) scoring the only and winning goal for Southampton from the penalty-spot in August.

BELOW . . . John Jackson makes a valiant but unsuccessful attempt to stop Bolton's Roy Greaves (partly hidden) from equalising from the spot against Orient at Brisbane Road. The game finished 1-1.



BOBBY Campbell, recently appointed manager of Bristol Rovers, is amused by his "new boy" tag. For Bobby has been with the Eastville club for more than 15 years!

Recalling how he came to join Rovers, Bobby explained: "After I finished my playing career at Reading in 1961, I moved back to my native Scotland where I managed Dumbarton during the 1961-62 season. But I found that being a

Two men who've recently stepped on to the perilous managerial merry-go-round. For one it's the first time in England . . . for the other it's a return to a world where he has experienced the adulation that goes with success and the heartache of failure.

sent time. I envy what he has done with the Nottingham Forest team. My ambition has always been to have a good side at the top of the First Division. This is what keeps you going . . . the drive of wanting to work with very good players. Getting the work-rate and the discipline and the skills and the teamwork from them."

Stokoe has experienced the extremes of English football. His greatest moment, he agreed, was

'WE CAN BECOME A BIG-TIME CLUB'

Bobby Campbell (Bristol Rovers)

full-time manager with a part-time club meant I seldom had sufficient to do. So I returned South again in 1962 to become chief-coach to Rovers."

Since taking over at Eastville he has guided the team to their first away win of the season — against Sunderland in the F.A. Cup.

"Now that we have broken that sequence I am sure the results will start to come. In my first game as manager we drew 1-1 with Sheffield United at Bramall Lane.

"The lads were disappointed at not getting a result but I was very pleased both by their performance and attitude.

"When Bristol City were promoted to the First Division we obviously lost some of our support, but we are starting to win them back. The atmosphere here at Rovers is beginning to buzz again.

"Although I have kept the same players, I have switched the emphasis from defence to attack. I have always been an attacking-minded person and for this reason I have pushed Bobby Gould and Mike Barry out wide, although neither is a natural winger."

This belief in wingers stems back to his own playing days when he played on the right-wing for Falkirk and Chelsea in the 1940's and 1950's. Such was his success, he was selected five times for Scotland, scoring on his international debut in a 2-1 defeat by Belgium in Brussels in May, 1947.

A player who figures prominently at Eastville is that much travelled striker, Bobby Gould. Gould, who was bought by Don Megson shortly before his move to American club Portland Timbers, acts as player-coach. But Campbell does not have any immediate plans to upgrade him to a higher position.

He explains: "As long as Bobby is still getting goals and playing well, his priorities to the club are as a player. Obviously his vast experience is a great asset in training, but I am still in charge from this point of view. I don't want him to become too involved in the coaching side of the game at the



moment because it could interfere with his playing.

"It is a great feeling to be manager after having been coach here under four different bosses spanning a 15 year period. At last I can make decisions without having to refer to somebody else.

"We are an ambitious team with great plans. Obviously my aim for this season is to steer clear of relegation and to continue our F.A. Cup run. I know we are capable of achieving this as recent results show. My ultimate ambition for Bristol Rovers is to get them into Division One for the first time in their history.

"I am convinced we have the necessary ingredients to make it as a big-time club and within the next few years my aim is to prove we are capable of sustaining a real challenge for major honours."

'WHY I ENVY BRIAN CLOUGH'

Bob Stokoe (Bury)

RODNEY Marsh, on TV during the Christmas holiday, described our football scene as "a grey game, run by grey people." His standpoint is understandable. Too often lacking the total commitment asked of him here, he is basking now in the American big business version of our game.

While Marsh was condemning our set-up, Bob Stokoe was revealing in being part of our game again. As the new manager of Bury he doesn't care what colour is attributed to our football. He told SHOOT: "While I was out of the game going abroad was mentioned but I wouldn't entertain the idea. My family wasn't keen either. I've had 30 years in English football and I still enjoy it."

Since he left Sunderland — "I wasn't getting the best out of them and thought, in the best interests of the club, someone else should have the chance" — he didn't watch a lot of football. "I like to think," he said, "I'm as dedicated as anyone when I'm involved with a club . . . but I'm not interested otherwise."

"Quite a few managers asked me to scout for them. I went to one or two games for them. I sat there, seeing other people's problems and I didn't want to get involved. So I contented myself with family life. I enjoyed being close to the wife again, to the family and the dog."

'Winning'

"I've always felt my particular forte is in the dressing-room with players . . . being involved with them and getting the best out of them. I like to be out training with them. I'm still physically quite fit. I enjoy winning. The sort of feeling it gives does a lot for me."

"I enjoy helping players to become better . . . seeing them progress. There's a lad in Sheffield I started off as a youngster, Eddie Colquhoun, who went on to become a First Division player and a Scottish international."

"There's a lad who has come back to Manchester City which has thrilled me — Colin Bell. It was the same when I was at Bury, Carlisle, Charlton and Blackpool. I've always had the opportunity of working with some good players. That is what I love."

"It makes me envious, for instance, of Brian Clough at the pre-



when his Sunderland team won the F.A. Cup in 1973, beating the favourites Leeds 1-0. His saddest occasion — and obviously a twinge of disappointment still remains — was being sacked by Charlton Athletic in September, 1967. "I was on a three year contract and just beginning to see daylight with a potentially good young side . . . the sacking was unjust."

It was surely unjust he has had to resume his career in the Third Division after having served his apprenticeship up and down the country. His record deserved a crack with a club with a real chance at top level.

Stokoe immediately halted the slide Bury was in — no wins in eight games — by totting up ten points from seven matches. West Bromwich fell too in the League Cup to Stokoe's aptly-named 'Shakers'. That win earned them the prime Quarter-Final draw against Nottingham Forest.

A realist, Stokoe said: "I'm a firm believer that if a player has ability I will get it out of him . . . but I cannot put it there. My aim is to run the club well and to improve the standard of the team so supporters will want to watch us. If I can do that I will feel I've been successful."

Honesty like that radiates a colour and it certainly isn't grey!

FOREST FOR yes!



PADDY MULLIGAN
(W.B.A.)

I BELIEVE Forest will hold on and land the title. But I'd make one condition to that — they have to avoid serious injuries. I think they have probably had more luck on that score than most other teams in the Division. They have had a very settled side with few problems on finding replacements and changing the side around. That is important because it helps you develop the kind of team organisation and understanding Forest have now got.

I can't see Everton catching Forest because they had a great run in the first-half of the season. It isn't likely they can keep that up right to the end as they would have to do to catch Forest.

A side like Liverpool must be a big threat. They have had their bad spell and if they can re-discover

the appetite for a long chase, they could yet catch Forest.

But of all the sides we have played this season, I would say Arsenal are the best. They came to the Hawthorns and made us look very ordinary which I don't think we are. Arsenal won't win the title, though, because I don't think they can sustain it. Liverpool can and they might just do it. But I feel they are a good bet at this stage.

How important is it to have a lead of a few points right now? All I can say is, I'd love to be leading the First Division at this stage. Forest know what they have to do and they won't lack experience in the run-in. They have got players like Gemmill, McGovern, Shilton, Withe, Needham, Burns ... all men with plenty of experience. And at the helm, Clough and Taylor who have been in this situation before. That counts for a lot and that's another reason why I think Forest will win the League Championship.



COLIN TODD
(Derby County)

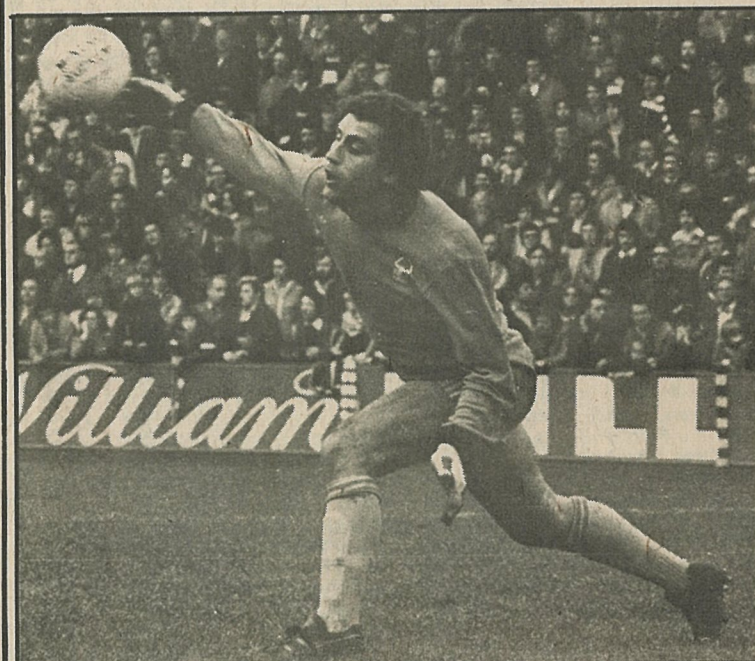
always seem to come on strongly in the last three months of the season and they are the side I'll take to push Forest harder than anyone. Liverpool are always there or thereabouts and I think they will be the same this year.

But for me, I'd love to see Forest win it. I think English football needs the sort of infusion of new blood and interest that they would create by winning the League title. It would give a tremendous number of other sides the confidence to try and do the same. It would prove to other clubs they could do it, too.

Nobody thought Forest would ever do it at the start of the season but they've stuck at it. With the players they have I think they deserve it. Players like Robertson and Woodcock have thrilled crowds — they have given lots of entertainment to the fans. The Championship would be a fitting reward for that entertainment and I think they'll win it.

I FANCY Nottingham Forest to win the Championship with Liverpool as a close alternative. It's been a funny season for so many sides: a lot of teams have been so inconsistent, perhaps more so than ever before. And maybe that inconsistency will have cost Liverpool dearly by the end of the season because they may pay for dropping so many points in the first-half of the season.

I think there have really been only two consistent sides this season — Forest and Everton. But I don't think Everton can do it. They've had their fine run — 20 matches or more without defeat. You can't be expected to keep on like that all season and I think they are now as close as they will get. Liverpool are different. They

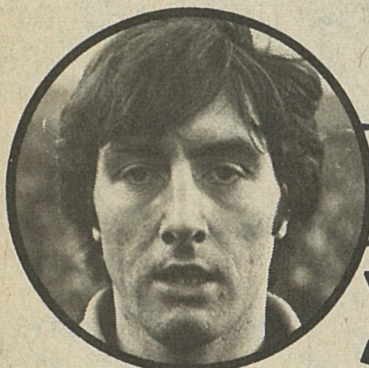


Peter Shilton has been in brilliant form for Forest since his transfer from Stoke City earlier this season.



Nottingham Forest's Ian Bowyer in a tussle with Derby's Colin Todd. Brian Clough's men have taken three points from County this term.

THE TITLE?



JOHN RICHARDS
(Wolves)

yes!

WE played most of the current Championship contenders early on in the season and I'd say Forest are my tip to win the title. I don't say that because of their current lead at the top but simply because they were the best side we met.

We came up with them last season from Division Two and they were a good Second Division team. But when they came to our place in October and won 3-2, they were a different outfit. That result was flattering for us because they were easily three goals better. They'd improved beyond recognition.

They really wiped the floor with us that day. Everyone in their side works hard, quickly into a tackle, the support play is superb —

they're a marvellously well organised side.

I don't rate either Everton or Liverpool to catch Forest. Arsenal could be the dark horses because they've built up a pretty good squad, not just a team. And Manchester City might push Forest close. But I fancy Forest. I feel there is no real weak spot in their side as there is in some of the other teams in contention.

Forest's six point lead at the end of January was useful but not really a lot. Two or three only average or indifferent displays and that could be gone. But I fancy them to win the title not because of that lead but because I believe they can go on winning. They've got everything it takes to win matches and they are the side I think will be celebrating in May.



DON GIVENS
(Q.P.R.)

no!

I MUST be on a hiding to nothing by saying so, but I still fancy Liverpool to retain their title. I know Forest have a good lead and there maybe only about 15 or 16 matches left. But there are a lot of points at stake in all those games and I still reckon Liverpool can claw their way back to the top.

Why? I have always respected Liverpool's tremendous determination and consistency over the entire season. Forest haven't won the title in January or February despite what some people might think. A Championship is decided over 42 matches, sometimes it isn't even settled until early May. Well, May is a long way off at this stage and Forest can still be caught.

Liverpool were my tip for the title before the season started and I won't change now. I think there are factors in their favour. Firstly, they have had their poor spell — and every team does go through

that sort of spell sometime in the season. Liverpool have been strangely inconsistent in the first half of the season but they have the remainder of the season to find their usual consistency.

I don't think Forest have really had a bad spell yet this season and I'm sure they will at some stage. Also, Liverpool's strong squad is more than able to cope with the heavy demands of injuries in the hard months of February, March and April. I don't know whether Forest have enough strength in depth to be able to withstand a couple of difficult injuries.

Liverpool are so strong, so professional and so hard to beat I think they could do it yet. And another thing is in their favour — they have to play Arsenal, Manchester City and Nottingham Forest (their closest rivals) ALL AT HOME in March and April. So the title could still be undecided even late in April.



Tony Woodcock's goals helped Forest open a six point lead at the top of the First by the end of January.



Colin Barrett outjumps Stan Bowles of Q.P.R. during Nottingham Forest's 2-0 win at Loftus Road.



"It took one of our best performances of the season to beat Forest at the Bridge."

'STANDARD OF FIRST HAS

NOTTINGHAM Forest will prove me wrong by winning the First Division Championship this season.

Two or three times in my column I've expressed my doubts about the ability of Brian Clough's team to stay the distance.

Now, as the season draws to an exciting climax, Forest have made me eat my words!

My biggest doubt about Forest has been the strength of their first team pool.

Of course, Clough has wisely added to the team that won promotion with Chelsea and Wolves last year, and Forest's amazing run without injuries to key players has been a vital point in their favour.

Clough has been able to field virtually the same side week after week — important to any team chasing honours.

Look at the sides at the foot of the table . . . Leicester and Newcastle. It's true to say their line-ups have been changed regularly because of injuries. It certainly hasn't helped them.

The only time Forest have been forced to alter their team is for League Cup-ties as Peter Shilton, Dave Needham and Archie Gemmill aren't eligible.

Even so, their stand-ins have done exceptionally well, mainly because Forest as a unit have got into the habit of winning. This makes life much easier for new faces coming into the team.

If Forest don't win the title it will be more by their own failing than someone else's success.

As I write, they have a six-point lead over the "pack" and show no signs of falling away.

It is possibly true to say that despite their results this season, Forest are a side with few real stars.

Peter Withe, for instance, has scored a lot of goals, yet he's not really a soccer household name. The same goes for full-backs Viv Anderson and Colin Barrett, both underrated defenders who do a good job at the back.

Chelsea beat Forest at Stamford Bridge 1-0 in November and we achieved this by first of all matching their mobility and work-rate . . . then, on the day, our skill came out on top. It was an extremely difficult game for us, though, and it needed one of our best performances of the season to earn those two points.

However, with all due respect to Forest, the standard of the First Division seems to have gone down over the past couple of years.

Sides used to have four or five players who were rather special, whereas now the figure is two or three.

We've played a couple of teams who, against us, were very poor, but I'm delighted to see the likes of Forest, Coventry and Norwich raising a few eyebrows with their form this season. It makes a refreshing change from the old brigade!

Coventry were out of this world when they beat us 5-1 at Highfield Road earlier in the year. The reason we were so poor was The Sky Blues didn't give us an inch.

In the next few weeks we shall see more and more sides putting the emphasis on defence as relegation becomes probable.

I don't think three-up, three-down has been a total success as it has put fear into more clubs. That third relegation spot soon comes too close for comfort after a handful of poor results, and then safety-first is the priority.

Teams become afraid to play and I'm sure the public don't like such

"In action against Italy at Wembley — I hope we can carry on our good form in West Germany."



games which invariably end 0-0 or 1-0.

Leicester appear to be doomed, which surprises me because I thought Frank McLintock would be able to get things organised at Filbert Street. Frank has bags of personality and enthusiasm, but this shows what a funny old game football can be.

Newcastle will have to produce something special if they are to avoid the drop, too.

I hope the third relegation place, which has been "contested" by the London pair Q.P.R. and West Ham, goes to a club outside the capital. Naturally I want London clubs to do well, but I can't see The Hammers being relegated.

They're one of the best teams we've played and were unfortunate to leave Stamford Bridge without a point. I just can't envisage West

Ham going down.

Rangers? Well, they have the players, but something must be wrong and I don't know what it is. Things aren't looking too good over at Loftus Road, though.

I've played in a relegation side — I came into the Chelsea team towards the end of 1974/75 and it's a terrible feeling to be staring Division Two in the face.

I was delighted simply to be in the team, but players become depressed when time is running out and know that not even a point is really going to be enough away from home.

I'll never forget our last game in Division One, at home to Everton. The match was meaningless in the sense we were already doomed.

Yet almost 30,000 fans turned up at Stamford Bridge, which gave the players a big lift. We knew we could

**RAY
WILKINS**
writes for you

DIVISION DROPPED'

count on our supporters even in the Second Division and their backing spurred us towards promotion after two seasons.

The experience of relegation did us good, looking back, and we grew up in a soccer sense very quickly.

This season, we've shown we're going in the right direction and recently seem to have been involved in a goal bonanza every game.

While we're not too pleased about conceding so many, the matches have been good to watch and we've had the better of the spoils overall.

By the way, to clear up a point, I DID score against Ipswich . . . Steve Wicks' effort hit my knee so the last touch was mine. My goal!

On T.V. it looked as if Steve Finnieston hadn't made contact with my free-kick . . . that it had gone straight past Laurie Sivell. But there is no doubt Steve DID deflect the ball — his goal!

As I shan't be writing in next week's SHOOT — a few words about the West Germany/England game.

I'm pleased to see so many of the England players who beat Italy 2-0 at Wembley doing so well.

Trevor Brooking is in world-class midfield form . . . Peter Barnes has shown millions of television viewers what he can do . . . and this is good for England.

I hope we can take over where we left off against Italy. It's a shame about Kevin Keegan being suspended in his League.



"Trevor Brooking is in world-class form."

Kev can still play in the international, but without match practice even super-fit K.K. could find it tough going.

His experience of the German style would be invaluable and I'm sure Kevin will help us one way or the other.

I'm also pleased to see the England B team re-formed. This side may not be well supported, but it's an important stepping-stone between the Under-21's and full side.

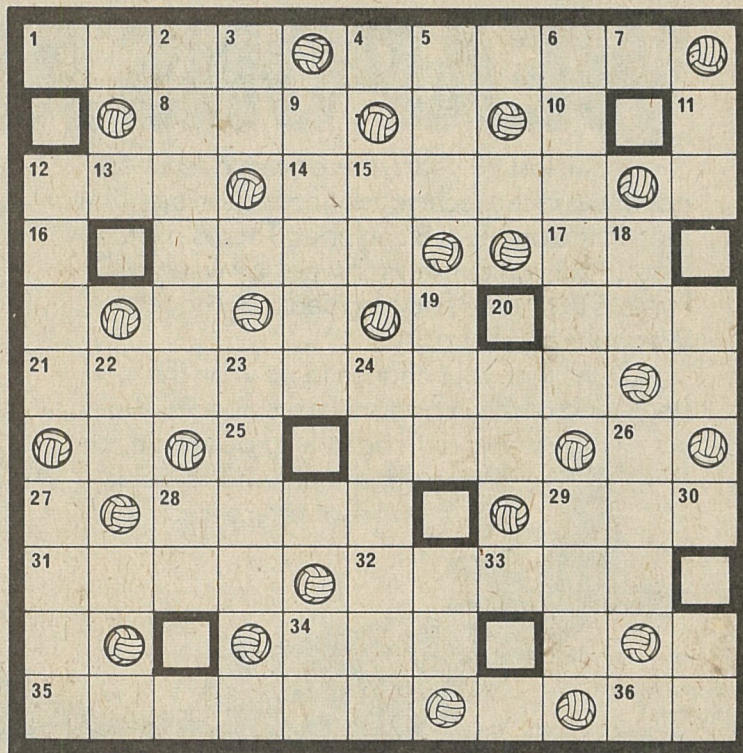
See you in two weeks,

Ray Wilkins

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Nottingham Forest defender.

Answers on page 38



ACROSS:—

- (1) — Devonshire of West Ham United.
- (4) Kick the ball hard at goal.
- (8) Brian Ta-b-- of Ipswich Town.
- (10) Stan ---les of Queens Park Rangers.
- (12) Arthur A--ist-n (Manchester United). Throw from the missing letters.
- (14) The number of teams left in a knock-out competition at the Quarter-Finals stage.
- (16) Second Division side from Brisbane Road.
- (17) C--pp-e-ow Park, Morton.
- (19) — Road, Manchester City's ground.
- (21) West Bromwich Albion midfielder.
- (25) You'll never walk —, Liverpool's anthem.
- (28) --oomfi-l- P-rk (Airdrieonians). Item of food made from the omissions.
- (29) She-fi-l- Wednesday from Hill-sbrough.
- (31) — Court. Ground of Bournemouth.
- (32) The — of the fans is a prime consideration at all grounds.
- (34) Method or manner . . . of play, for instance.
- (35) Club for which the famous Pele played.
- (36) Asa H-r-ford of Manchester City.

DOWN:—

- (1) Trevor —, Chelsea striker.
- (2) — Rovers, Scottish team from Cliftonhill Park.
- (3) Sammy -els-n of Arsenal.
- (5) Embrace . . . perhaps an excitable one for the goalscorer!
- (6) Me-d-w-a-k-h-stle (Scots Div. II). Get from the omissions.
- (7) John Middle--n Derby 'keeper.
- (9) That can be held against attack or objection.
- (11) For whom Dai Davies is an international player.
- (13) Dennis M--timer of Aston Villa.
- (15) Gordon N-sbe- of Hull City.
- (18) Ross Jenk--s of Watford.
- (19) Bobb--c----ld (Coventry). Part of a week from the missing letters.
- (20) Sh--fi-l-d Stadium of Clyde.
- (22) Ibr-- Park, home of Rangers.
- (23) Ala T--lo- (West Ham). Tale from the missing letters.
- (24) D-nc---er-over-. "Cooks" from the omissions.
- (26) Wager . . . maybe on the outcome of the game.
- (27) Alan D--- of -toke City.
- (28) Peter ---es, Manchester City winger.
- (29) A transfer one can be many thousands of pounds.
- (30) J. — (King's Park) scored a record "14 Across" goals on his debut for the club in 1930.
- (33) In international football players usually need to — to their away games.
- (34) Graeme --uness, a recent signing for Liverpool.

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What was the top speed of the Mark II Spitfire?

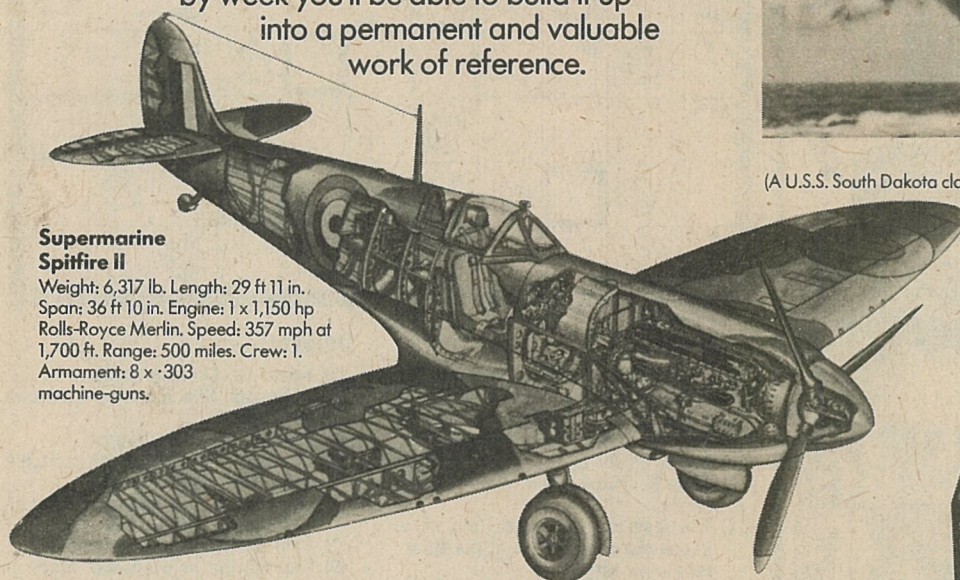
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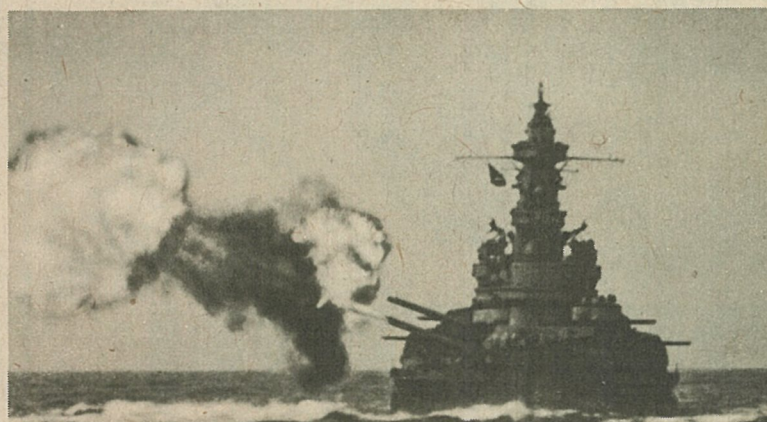
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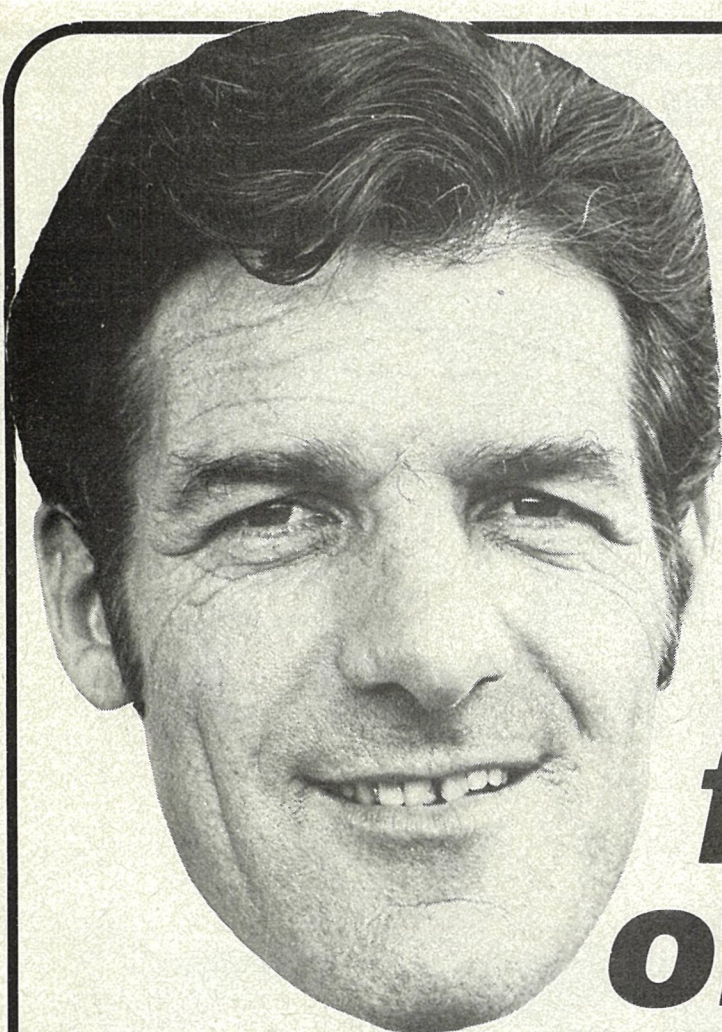


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JOHN Lyall led West Ham on to the sacred turf at Wembley in May, 1975. They won the F.A. Cup and the following season were Finalists in the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

But to many Lyall was walking in the shadows. He was team-manager and the F.A. Cup win was a suitable celebration at the end of his first season in charge. But wasn't Ron Greenwood as general-manager still the back-room boss at Upton Park?

To some it was a similar situation to a monk in a monastery following the guidelines of the abbot like any rank and file monk would do.

After all, wasn't Greenwood Mr. West Ham? Wasn't he the man behind the ideas on the park as well as the running of the club?

That is in the past. Greenwood is in charge of his new off-the-field team as manager of England with the 1982 World Cup his number one target.

So Lyall is on his own inasmuch as he is the boss at Upton Park and will take the credit — or the stick — depending on what West Ham achieve — which is concerned mainly with First Division salvation again this season.

But he's been with West Ham long enough to be regarded as a Greenwood man. When he joined them as a youngster he was an office boy during his amateur spell. Then he signed professional in May, 1957 and just under three years later made his League debut against Chelsea.

Naturally Greenwood's ideals got through to young Mr. Lyall, but

some stick we experienced people smirking when Ron talked about principles.

"Times have changed and when Ron talks about his feelings about the obligation to entertain and to enjoy football he is talking from the top in this country.

"We cannot ignore the fact by choosing Ron to be England's manager the Football Association have in effect said his ideas and his approach are right. Now since West Ham could be called Ron's club, too, then we must take this as a pat on the back."

Lyall sees it as containing good points and problems for West Ham. He knows his players can take it from the top that what they are trying to do on the field is a combination of all that is right for the game.

He knows also when things go wrong at West Ham the players and himself as the manager must share the responsibility. As he says

when West Ham don't live up to the "right ideas" they can be letting down a lot of people.

West Ham may be fighting their way out of relegation trouble yet again, but on the credit side Lyall is delighted Trevor Brooking produced a splendid technical performance as well as playing his heart out for England against Italy.

Lyall describes Brooking's performance as like a dream of a game, but he knows it was also great for West Ham.

And that helps him and the rest of his players in their bid to stay in the First Division.

His philosophy remains the same about how the game should be played and the fact West Ham fans come to cheer football that in the main entertains before they cheer wins, or feel sad about draws and losses, speaks for itself.

The fact West Ham managers rarely get sacked; that most of them — or the few they have had

John Lyall, the former office boy at Upton Park, is now boss of West Ham

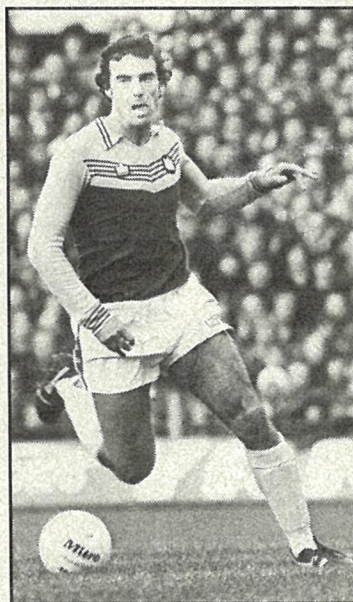
they got through in greater amounts after 30 first team games and an early retirement as a player because of injury.

Lyall stayed at Upton Park and in 1971 was appointed assistant-manager to Greenwood.

Every man in football has his own ideas and his own personality. But Lyall is the first to admit his ideas are similar to those of Greenwood.

That means Greenwood was right for West Ham and for football. And apart from a different face and a different accent at the top things remain very much the same.

Says Lyall: "It wouldn't be right to dwell on things like looking back on days when results weren't too good and apart from taking



Trevor Brooking (right) has been in tremendous form for The Hammers this season.

since the last War — see out their careers at Upton Park may add a touch of security to his job that is indeed rare in professional soccer.

But that's where another principle comes into it. Lyall wouldn't dream of sitting back in the fond belief he was in a cushy job that was as safe as houses.

That in itself would be to forget all about those principles he believes in. After all how could a man demand the players stick to their guns while he stayed in a cosy corridor? That would be like the old army instruction: "Don't do as I do, do what I say."

And because of those principles that's why most people in the game, allowing for strugglers at the foot of the First Division who feel they need some negative help from Hammers, want West Ham to succeed, or at the very least, stay in the top Division where they belong.

Because that's good for the game.

ENGL



BACK ROW (left to right): Trevor Brooking, Peter Barnes, Ray Kennedy, Phil Neal, Bob Latchford, Steve Coppel.

CENTRE ROW: Stuart Pearce, Ray Clemence, Joe Corrigan, Mick Mills, Billy Bonds.

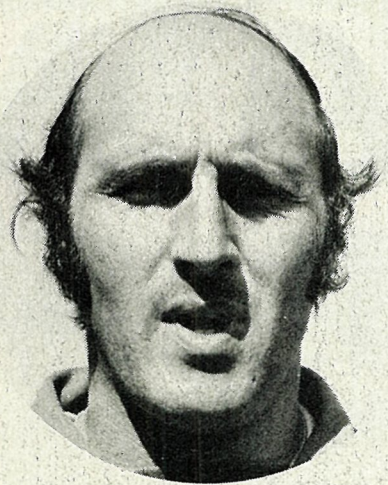
LAND



...n, Dave Watson, Paul Mariner,
Peter Shilton, Brian Talbot,

FRONT ROW: Trevor Francis, Kevin Keegan, Emlyn Hughes,
Ray Wilkins. John Gidman, Gordon Hill, Trevor Cherry.

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



This week Barnsley 'keeper PETER SPRINGETT selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



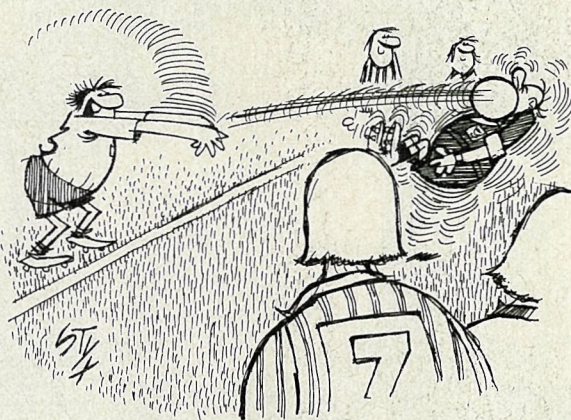
"When that scintillating team of ours come off the pitch, send them in here. One at a time"



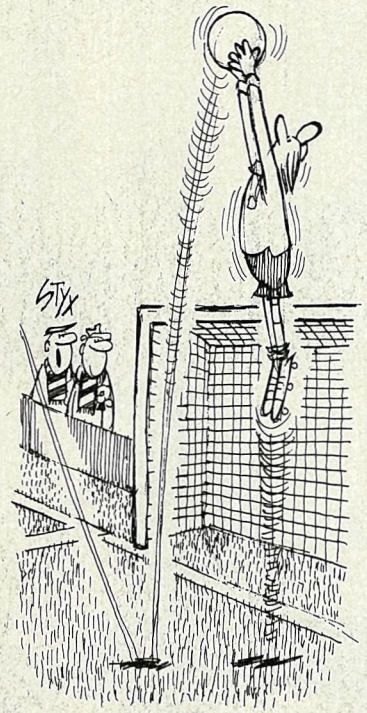
"Who's going to tell him that he's just scored an own-goal?"



"As your manager, could you let me in to a little secret. Which team were you playing for?"



"Sorry, ref — me fingers slipped"



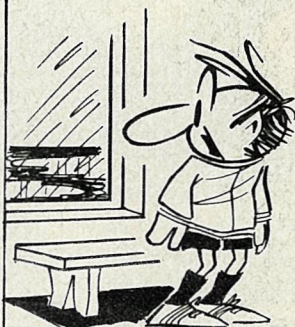
"Crikey, Bert, the ground must be frozen solid"

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Youngest Wolves star

Is it true a boy of 14 once played in Wolves' League side?

JANE PARRY,
CHEADLE

● Yes, it is, Jane. He was C. Buchanan — I think his first name was Colin — who played for Wolves v. West Bromwich on 26th September, 1942 when he was still only 14.

However, this game was in the War-time Football League North — when clubs were "regionalised" to save long-distance travelling — and so, unfortunately for him, isn't accepted as the official Football League record.

That is still held by Albert Geldard, who later played for England. He was 15 years/156 days old when he made his League debut (Div. Two) for Bradford v. Millwall on 16th September, 1929.

Bill McGarry

As a Newcastle fan, I'd like to know which clubs our new manager, Bill McGarry, played for?

GERARD GREBEY,
NEWCASTLE

● His playing-days spanned three League clubs, Gerard — Port Vale, Huddersfield, and Bournemouth (where he gained his first experience for his later career by doubling-up as player-manager).

While with Huddersfield, McGarry earned four full England caps in the mid-1950's.

Mitropa Cup

I was reading recently about a competition called the Mitropa Cup. What was it?

ANDREW LEWEY,
ROCHESTER

● In a way, Andrew, you could call it the "father" of all the big post-War European club competitions.

It attracted top clubs from Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Italy, and Switzerland — and was held annually from 1927 until War broke out in 1939.

It was revived in the early 1950's — but, inevitably, its importance has been eclipsed by the coming of the U.E.F.A.-sponsored Champions' Cup-Winners', and Fairs/U.E.F.A. Cups.

Nine managers for Villa

Please help me win a bet by proving Aston Villa have had more than five managers since the last War ended.

ROBERT WOODRUFF,
CARDIFF

● Bet won, Robert! They've had NINE — and, had Ron Saunders accepted that recent offer from Saudi Arabia, it would have been ten by now.

Here's the list, in batting order — Alex Massie, George Martin, Eric Houghton, Joe Mercer, Dick Taylor, Tommy Cummings, Tommy Docherty, Vic Crowe, and present boss Ron Saunders.

All the losers!

I've found an old newspaper dated Saturday, 19th March, 1955, and would like to know the scores of these games played that day — Man. Utd. v. Everton; Liverpool v. Lincoln; and Plymouth v. Leeds.

TONY RUSSELL,
LEIGH-on-SEA

● Manchester United, Liverpool, and Leeds all lost, Tony.

Everton won 2-1 at Old Trafford; while Liverpool and Leeds — quite moderate Second Division clubs then! — also went down.

Lincoln won 4-2 at Anfield, while Leeds were beaten 3-1 at Plymouth.

Keelan NOT Keegan

My friend says Kevin Keegan once played for Aston Villa — is he right?

CHRISTOPHER DEACON,
DERBY

● No, he isn't, Christopher — though he's only one letter out.

The player he's thinking of is Kevin Keelan, Norwich's splendid long-serving goalkeeper.

Keelan's now played more than 500 League games for Norwich but, before that, he played 68 for Wrexham — and five for Aston Villa.

SHORT PASSES

● Bobby Gould has played for Coventry, Arsenal, Wolves, West Bromwich, Bristol City, West Ham, Wolves (again), and now Bristol Rovers.

(STEPHEN HILL, Deeside)

● Andy Gray joined Aston Villa from Dundee United, for £110,000 on 1st October, 1975.

(RICHARD MOORE, Harrogate)

● Southend United were formed in 1906, and were elected to the Football League in 1920.

(MATTHEW WILLIAMS, BFPO 47)

● Neither Liverpool, nor Manchester United, have yet won the League Cup.

(MICHAEL EHANIRE, Nigeria)

● The father of England skipper Emlyn Hughes was a Welsh Rugby League international.

(HELEN MIDDLETON,
Loughborough)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

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This week's Star Letter comes from Jason McDowell who goes to Rugby School. Jason wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

PROPHETIC DOC

I READ with great interest the chapter about Tommy Docherty in David Meek's Manchester United Football Book No. 12. The Doc was talking about his hopes for the future with United, and, perhaps even more interesting, how he rated certain London clubs.

"Q.P.R. are a very attractive side, though their results were only fair last season. They are brilliantly coached. I rate Dave Sexton as the best coach in the country. He would make an excellent coach for the England team."

"But he doesn't find players. He always seems to take over other people's teams. He did it at Chelsea from me and he did it with Gordon Jago at Rangers."

Well ... prophetic — or pathetic?

● The Doc seemed to be critical of his successor at Old Trafford before the recent United/Derby game, saying he couldn't understand Sexton's policy of dismantling a young team. I wonder if he felt the same way after United beat Derby 4-0?

Limp

I HAD to laugh when I heard a commentator say that "Newcastle's John Bird was limping off with a cut head!"

MARK HANNEN,
DARRAS HILL.

● A feather in his cap!

Reds' Shirts

NO one should have been surprised when Liverpool lost to Chelsea in the F.A. Cup.

As soon as I saw Emlyn Hughes (right, dark socks) wearing a long-sleeve shirt I remembered what he said after The Reds lost the 1971 Final to Arsenal.

"We had heavy shirts made with long sleeves for Wembley. They were very uncomfortable. I'll never wear a long-sleeve shirt again."

Emlyn kept his word ... until Chelsea.

STEVEN WHITE,
ECCLES.

● Chelsea obviously had something up their sleeves for Liverpool that day.

Over The Hill

THIS season has seen quite a few offers from Arab countries, who want British coaches and managers to help promote their soccer.

Ronnie Allen was lured away from W.B.A. after just a few months.

One man behind this exodus is Jimmy "Match of the Day" Hill, yet on his programme he complains about the state of English football.

With top managers going to the Arabs, this isn't surprising.

MICHAEL WHITEHOUSE,
NORTHWICK.

● It would be interesting to hear Jimmy Hill on this subject.

Villa's Goat

AN ODE to Aston Villa, who have surely the worst pitch in the League:

Why don't the management come to a decision,

To make the turf in good condition,

Within the ground's best interest, Why not in a goat invest?

The players would find this a treat, The surface would be very neat,

The goat would be allowed to graze,

Upon the pitch — a new craze? Not really — a German club in Cologne,

Have a goat of their own, And from the goat Villa could make,

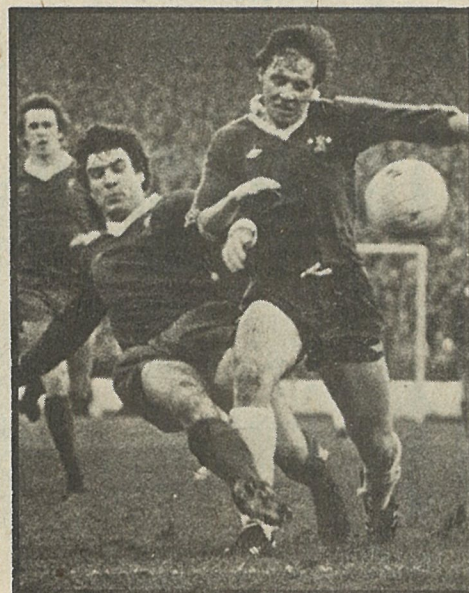
The milk for their coffee break, This might buck the players up,

And help them in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

MRS. M. MILBURN,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

● Villa Park is a superb stadium ... Villa have some great players ...

now they must get a pitch that ranks as highly.



'DON'T TURN SOCCER'S

ONE area of soccer is reaching a critical stage . . . a shortage of youngsters good enough to make the grade at top level.

Where have the youngsters gone? Sounds like the title of a song, doesn't it? Maybe it's a manager's lament.

Okay, this season we've seen the likes of Everton's 18-year-old centre-half Mark Higgins, West Brom full-back Derek Statham, Tommy Cunningham of Q.P.R., Bob Hazell (Wolves), Paul Brush (West Ham), Kevin Dillon (Birmingham), Russell Osman (Ipswich), Graham Rix (Arsenal), Kevin Bond (Norwich), Kevin Mabbutt (Bristol City), the son of former Bristol Rovers player Roy Mabbutt), Stan Cummins (Middlesbrough, described by Jackie Charlton as "a second Jimmy Greaves") and Orient's black winger John Chiedozie, burst through into League soccer.

Even accounting for a few others I've failed to mention you must agree it's not many out of a total of 44 clubs in the First and Second Divisions.

Ten or 15 years ago, junior competitions such as the F.A. Youth Cup attracted crowds that several of today's First Division clubs would envy.

In the past a club expected at

least half-a-dozen of its youth side to blossom into first team players. Nowadays, they're lucky if one or two make the transition.

I don't know the reasons why the flow of talented youngsters has slowed to a trickle.

They used to say the best boxers were the hungry ones. The same was true in the case of footballers.

In a less-affluent society, kids played soccer because they had nothing else to do. They either then tried to become a professional player or took ordinary low-paid jobs.

Today there are so many counter attractions. And more parents urge their children to stay on at school and further their education. Twenty years ago many had to send their kids out to work at 15 to help boost the family budget.

Attitudes have also changed. Few youngsters these days have the dedication. They join a club as an apprentice and want to go straight into the reserves. Sweeping the terraces, cleaning boots and then training all day is too much of a bind.

You've got to be a bit special to give yourself 100 per cent to the game. To learn the hard way for a few quid a week. Soccer stars of tomorrow aren't born overnight.

That's for Roy of the Rovers.

Youngsters these days get disillusioned too easily. If they don't make progress fast enough, they lose interest, drift away into non-League football, or out of the game altogether.

Mind you, there are quite a few fine players in the non-Leagues, lads who enjoy getting paid on a match-by-match basis and having the security of a good career as well.

All big clubs make the finding and grooming of youngsters top priority. Most run soccer schools where they hold training and coaching sessions a couple of nights a week.

Rodney Marsh, the former Man-

my soccer scene

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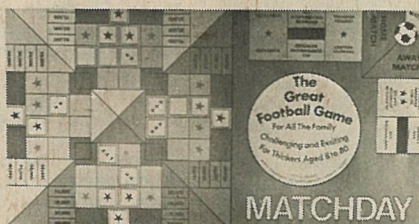
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KIDS INTO

Young Everton starlet with a fine future is Mark Higgins.



ROBOTS

chester City and England star, said recently skill is being stifled in this country. One reason is because our youngsters are over-coached.

I couldn't agree more. Little lads of 12 or 13 shouldn't have to worry about systems or formations.

Teach them how to improve the basic skills and correct their faults. Don't try and turn them into robots.

Many youngsters with potential have been lost to the game because all their natural skill has been knocked out of them.

Kids should be brought on gradually and allowed to enjoy their game.

With economics in football at a low ebb generally, especially for clubs in the lower Divisions, youth policies are so much more vital.

To discover, groom and then sell a young talent often means the difference between survival and extinction.

Soon, the smaller clubs may solely function as nurseries for the big guns. Manchester United may farm out young lads to say Stockport County . . . Liverpool to Tranmere . . . Newcastle to Darlington.

United are one of the lucky clubs, we have a thriving youth scheme.

In charge of the kids at Old Trafford is Joe Brown, the former manager of Burnley, a club famous for

developing home-grown talent and then selling them. Some of the game's top names began their careers at Turf Moor.

Working with Joe is Jack Crompton, a former United goalkeeper.

One of the best of our young lads is Andy Ritchie, who has played a

couple of times for the first team this term. He came in for an injured Pancho Pearson at Everton over the Christmas period and helped United to a 6-2 victory.

Andy had a good game, but quickly found himself back in the reserves. Like all good managers,

Dave Sexton won't rush a lad. His time will come.

All too often these days, a boy of 17 has a couple of fine games in the first team and is immediately hailed as England's answer to Pele. Then three months later he has been forgotten. Just another casualty.

The Press and media are partly to blame. They build up a newcomer out of all proportion and then destroy him when he fails to live up to their expectations.

This is why many managers will not allow their proteges to give too many interviews, or get too much of the limelight.

This Saturday (February 11th), United will be in action against another club famous for breeding their own talent . . . Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

Latest in a long line of exciting prospects from their football factory is Clive Walker, whose two goals helped crush Liverpool 4-2 in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup at The Bridge.

The Londoners produced another shock this season, by winning at Old Trafford in the League.

A goal by Bill Garner in the second minute was enough to give Chelsea their first away win since returning to the First Division.

But instead of gaining confidence from that victory, Chelsea lost some ground and slid down the table.

They've picked up since Christmas, though, and are at last looking like a First Division team of real potential.

I've never played at Stamford Bridge before, so I'm looking forward to this visit and a good result.

It will also be a nostalgic return for Dave Sexton, who was manager at Chelsea when they won the F.A. Cup in 1969-70 and European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1970-71.

Cheers for now. Join me again next week . . .

Lord Hild

Alex Stepney prevents Bill Garner (second left) from adding a second goal for Chelsea at Old Trafford last September.



RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

FRIDAY, JAN. 6

F.A. CUP (THIRD ROUND)

ORIENT (1) 1 (Kitchen)
NORWICH (0) 1 (Gibbins) 14,538
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Hooley, Roeder, Chiedozi, Gray, Mayo, Kitchen, Bennett.
 Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Suggett, Gibbins, Reeves, Peters.

THIRD DIVISION

TRANMERE (1) 1 (Moore) 7,250
PRESTON (0) 0
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow (Cliff), Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.

FOURTH DIVISION

STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Smith, Park) 5,121
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Crosby)
 Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Fogarty, Loadwick, Smith, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Prudham, Fletcher (Massey).
 Aldershot: Johnson; Wooler, Butler, Dixon, Hooper, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

F.A. CUP (THIRD ROUND)

BIRMINGHAM (2) 4 (Francis 2, Bertschin 2)
WIGAN (0) 0 29,202
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Styles, Towers, Howard, Gallagher, Connolly, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Dillon.
 Wigan: Brown; Morris, Hinnigan, Gore, Gillibrand, Ward, Wright, Moore, Wilkie, Whittle, Worswick.

BLACKBURN (1) 2 (Mitchell, Brotherston)
SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Hornsby) 12,712
 Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Fear, Mitchell, Wood, Taylor.
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Atkins, Griffin, Turner, Nixon, Hornsby, Lindsay, Bates, Maguire (Loughnane).

BLYTH (0) 1 (Shoulder) 5,095
ENFIELD (0) 0
 Blyth: Clarke; Waterson, Guthrie, Varty, Scott, Dixon, Shoulder, Houghton, Johnson, Mutrie (Carney S.), Coney (R).
 Enfield: Moore; Wright, Tone, Howell, Jennings, Elley, Bass (Knapman), Searle, Bishop, O'Sullivan, Baker.

BRIGHTON (2) 3 (Ward, Potts, Horton)
SCARBOROUGH (0) 0 23,748
 Brighton: Steele; Clark, Williams, Horton, Winstanley, Lawrenson, Townner, Ward, Maybank, O'Sullivan, Potts (Mellor).
 Scarborough: Chapman; Fountain, Smith (R), Marshall, Deere, Dunn (H), Gill (Barmby), Dunn (H.A.), Woodall, Smith (D), Donoghue.

BRISTOL C (2) 4 (Mabbutt 2, Ritchie, Cormack)
WREXHAM (2) 4 (Shinton 2, Merrick o.g., McNeil) 19,644
 Bristol C: Shaw; Gillies (Cormack), Sweeney, Gow, Collier, Merrick, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mabbutt, Mann.
 Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Whittle, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Thomas, Griffiths.

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Fletcher)
FULHAM (0) 0 10,984
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Rodaway, Thomson, Cochrane, Ingham, Fletcher (Smith), Kinson, Morley.
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Hatter, Lacy, Gale, Greenaway (Mahoney), Bullivant, Mitchell, Evanson, Margerrison.

CARDIFF (0) 0
IPSWICH (0) 2 (Mariner 2) 13,854
 Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Giles, Sayer, Went, Bishop, Attley (Grapes).
 Ipswich: Cooper; Mills, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Wark, Viljoen, Mariner, Geddis (Parkin), Gates.

CARLISLE (1) 1 (McDonald)
MAN. UTD (1) 1 (Macari) 25,500
 Carlisle: Ross; Carr, McCartney, McDonald, Lathan, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton (Ludlam).
 Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Pearson, Macari, Grimes (McCreery).

CHARLTON (0) 0
NOTTS CO (1) 2 (Vinter 2) 9,228
 Charlton: Wood; Campbell, Warman, Berry, Dugdale, O'Sullivan, Powell, Abrahams, Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.
 Notts Co: McManus; McVay, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchenall (Hooks), Sims, Bradd, Vinter, Mann, Carter.

CHELSEA (1) 4 (Walker 2, Finnieston, Langley)
LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Johnson, Dalglish) 45,449
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Wilkins (G), Sparrow, Britton, Harris, Wicks, Garner, Lewington, Langley, Cooke (Finnieston), Walker.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones (Hansen), Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Fairclough, Heighway, Johnson, Callaghan.

DERBY (2) 3 (Masson, Young, o.g., Ryan)
SOUTHEND (0) 2 (Parker 2) 23,625
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Daniel, Daly, Powell, Todd, Curran, Rioch, Masson, George, Ryan.
 Southend: Rafter; Moody, Banks, Laverick, Yates, Young, Morris; Pountney, Parker, Fell, Hadley.

EVERTON (3) 4 (King, Ross pen., McKenzie, Latchford)
ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Gray) 46,320
 Everton: Wood; Darracott, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas.
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Gregory, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Cowans, Little, Gray, Smith, Carrodus (Deehan).

EXETER (1) 2 (Roberts, Holman)
WOLVES (1) 2 (Carr, Daly) 14,377
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hatch, Bowker, Giles, Saxton, Randall, Kellow, Holman, Roberts, Hore.
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Hazell, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Bell, Kelly (Daly).

GRIMSBY 0
SOUTHAMPTON 0 16,582
 Grimsby: Batch; Mawer, Moore (Drinkell), Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Liddell, Donovan, Partridge, Cumming, Broily.
 Southampton: Turner; Sharpe, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Waldron.

HARTLEPOOL (2) 2 (Newton 2)
C. PALACE (1) 1 (Chatterton) 9,502
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Creamer, Gibb, Ayre, Smith, McMordie, Downing, Newton, Poskett, Bielby.
 Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Holder, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Chatterton, Swindlehurst, Bourne, Silkman.

HULL (0) 0
LEICESTER (0) 1 (Armstrong) 12,374
 Hull: Blackburn; Nisbet, Daniel, Bremner, Dobson, Haigh, Hawker, Lord, Hawley (Bannister), Sunley, Stewart.
 Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Kelly, Sims, Webb, Weller, Samuels, Davies, Salmons, Armstrong.

LEEDS (0) 1 (Gray F. pen.) 38,517
MAN. CITY (0) 2 (Tueart, Barnes)
 Leeds: Harvey; Reaney (Clarke), Gray (F), Cherry, McQueen, Madeley, Harris, Currie, Hankin, Flynn, Graham.
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen, Barnes, Bell, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart.

LUTON (1) 1 (Fuccillo)
OLDHAM (0) 1 (Taylor) 9,851
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Carr, West (Ingram), Faulkner, Jones, Husband, Hill, Fletcher (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Holt, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Halom, Chapman, Young.



Bolton's Neil Whatmore scored one of the goals in their 2-2 draw v. Spurs in the F.A. Cup.

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Miller) 7,402
PLYMOUTH (0) 0
 Mansfield: Arnold; Pate, Foster (B), Sharkey (Phillips), Foster (C), Wood, Miller, Goodwin, Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.
 Plymouth: Barron; Harrison, Uzzell, Horswill, Foster, Craven, Johnson, Megson, Austin, Binney (Rogers), Delve.

MIDDLESBROUGH (2) 3 (Mills 2, McAndrew)
COVENTRY (0) 0 18,505
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, McAndrew, Cummins, Ashcroft, Mills, Armstrong.
 Coventry: Sealey; Coop, McDonald, Yorath, Roberts, Gooding, Beck (Graydon), Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.

NOTT FOREST (1) 4 (Woodcock 2, Withe, Robertson)
SWINDON (0) 1 (Moss) 28,953
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe (O'Hare), Woodcock, Robertson.
 Swindon: Allan; Trollope, Ford, Stroud, Prohett, McLaughlin, Moss, Kamara, Guthrie (Lewis), McHale, Cunningham.

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Sargent)
NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Hudson) 17,621
 Peterborough: Barron; Hughes, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Sargent, Carmichael, Robson.
 Newcastle: Carr; Blackhall, Barker, Cassidy, McCaffery, Nattrass, Hudson, Burns, Mitchell (Barrowclough), Gowing, Craig (T).

Q.P.R. (1) 4 (Givens, James, Bowles pen., Howe)
WEALDSTONE (0) 0 16,158
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, Leach (Williams), Wallace, James, Bowles, Givens.
 Wealdstone: Lightfoot; Thomas, Fursdon, Watson, Parratt, Barwick, Ferry, Brinkman, Murphy, Duck, Moss.

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Finney)
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Kitchener) 5,337
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Womble, Stancliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Dawson, Goodfellow, Nix.
 Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Brisley, Kitchener, Hazell, Pearson, Seasman, Alexander (Cross), Hamilton, Chambers.

SHEFF. UTD (0) 0
ARSENAL (4) 5 (O'Leary, Macdonald 2, Stapleton 2) 32,156
 Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Kenworthy, Colquhoun, Flynn, Woodward, Edwards, Stainrod, Hamson, Hamilton.
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix.

STOKE (3) 4 (Cook 2, Gregory, Waddington)
TILBURY (0) 0 16,103
 Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Lindsay, Kendall, Dodd, Scott, Waddington, Gregory, Busby (Crooks), Bowers, Cook.
 Tilbury: Armstrong; Partner, Marjoram, Sullivan, Barnett, Linton, Dennis, Russell, Wallace (J), Gray (Knowles), Wallace (C).

SUNDERLAND (0) 0
BRISTOL R (1) 1 (Gould) 26,214
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Docherty, Clarke, Ashurst, Rostron, Arnott, Lee, Entwistle (Gregoire), Rowell.
 Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor (S), Prince, Gould, Pulis, Randall (Hendrie), Stanforth, Barry.

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Duncan, Hoddle)
BOLTON (0) 2 (Greaves pen., Whatmore) 43,731
 Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddle, McAllister, Perryman, Pratt (Armstrong), McNab, Duncan, Lee, Taylor.
 Bolton: McDonagh; Ritson, Walsh, Greaves, Jones (P) (Nicholson), Allardye, Morgan, Whatmore, Train, Reid, Worthington.

WALSALL (2) 4 (Buckley 3, King)
SWANSEA (0) 1 (James) 7,057
 Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Shelton, Evans, Serella, Harrison, Dennehy, Bates (Birch), Wood, Buckley, King.
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, May, Bartley, Chappell, James (R), Curtis, Moore (G), Moore (K) (Charles).

W.B.A. (1) 4 (Johnston 2, Regis, Brown, T. pen.)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Hutton) 21,306
 W.B.A.: Godden; Martin, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Cunningham, Regis, Brown (A), Treweek, Johnston.
 Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Milligan, Ronson, McEwan, Suddaby, Ainscow, Hart, Walsh, Hutton, Groves (Chandler).

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Robson)
WATFORD (0) 0 36,475
 West Ham: Ferguson; McDowell, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor (T), Curbishley, (Pike), Devonshire, Robson, Cross, Brooking, Hales.
 Watford: Rankin; Gaidmintis, Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Downes (Pollard), Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Mayes.

THIRD DIVISION

BRADFORD C (1) 1 (Wright)
COLCHESTER (2) 2 (Gough, Dowman) 3,266
 Bradford: Downsbrough; Fretwell (Cooke), Hardcastle, Dolan, Middleton, Ratcliffe, Watson, Martinez, Wright, Grimes, Hutchins.
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt, Dyer, Foley.

BURY (3) 5 (Whitehead, Robins, Keenan, Kennedy, McIlwraith)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 2 (Finney, Biley) 4,555
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Whitehead, Tucker, Hatton, Stanton, Johnson (McIlwraith), Robins, Suddick, Thomson.
 Cambridge: Hansbury; Batson, Smith (L), Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs, Morgan, Finney, Biley.

GILLINGHAM (2) 4 (Price 2, Richardson, Nicholl)
HEREFORD (0) 0 6,765
 Gillingham: Hilliard; Williams, Armstrong, Overton, Knight, Crabbe, Nicholl, Weatherly, Pryce, Westwood, Richardson.
 Hereford: Mellor; Emery, Marshall, Layton, Ritchie, Sheedy, Briley, Barton, Stephens, Davey, Holmes (Crompton).

PORT VALE (2) 2 (Beamish 2)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 3,481
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Beech, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Bentley, Sutcliffe, Lamb (Brownbill), Cullerton, Beamish, Bailey.
 Portsmouth: Figgins; Denyer, Wilson, Ruggerio, Foster (Ellis), Hand, Piper, Kemp, Gilchrist, Roberts, Mellows.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY (2) 2 (Hinch, Brown)
DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Wann) 5,628
 Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Hinch, Peachey, Little, Brown.
 Darlington: Beleigh; Stone, Cochrane, Young, Craig, Hague, Maitland, Lyons, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.

CREWE (0) 1 (Coyne)
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Lumby) 1,926
 Crewe: Crudgington; Cheetham, Roberts, Lugg, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D) (Rimmer), McGinley, Davies (W), Coyne, Purdie
 Scunthorpe: Crawford, Davy, Peacock, O'Donnell, Czuczman, Bridges, Farrell (Kilmore), Oates, Lumby, Keeley, Wigg

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 3 (Butler, Mountford 2)
ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Scaife) 5,486
 Huddersfield: Starling; Hart, Sandercock, Holmes, Baines, Sidebottom, Butler, Branagan, Mountford, Johnson (Eccles), Gray
 Rochdale: Slack; Oliver, Green, Morrin, Boslem, Bannon, Owen, Scaife, Melledew, Esser, Hoy

READING 0
BOURNEMOUTH 0 5,266
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Sutton, Bennett, Earles, Nelson, Kearns, Cumming, Davies (Williams)
 Bournemouth: Baker; Butler, Miller, Cunningham, Impey, Caye, Johnson, Paterson, Howarth, Lennard, Riley

SOUTHPORT 0
TORQUAY 0 1,672
 Southport: Cumbe; Higham, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Kisby, Wilson, Ashworth, Jones, Gay
 Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Payne, Vassallo, Green, Darke, Tomlin, Boulton, Dunne, Brown, Cofill

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Galvin)
BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Sweetzer) 5,411
 Wimbledon: Guy; Bryant, Galvin, Donaldson, Bithell, Bassett, Galliers, Denny, Sumner, Parsons, Leslie
 Brentford: Bond; Shrubbs, Allen, Salman, Kruse, Aylott, Graham (W), Sweetzer, Alder, McCulloch, Phillips

YORK (0) 2 (Scott, Stanforth pen)
NEWPORT (0) 0 1,971
 York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Topping, James, Novacki, Taylor (Hope), Randall, McDonald, Stanforth
 Newport: Plumley; Byrne, Aizlewood, Emanuel, Walker (R), Jones, Preece (Powell), Goddard, Clark, Relish, Williams

SCOTTISH PREMIER

AYR (0) 1 (McCall)
ABERDEEN (1) 1 (McMaster) 6,000
 Ayr: Sproat; Rodman, Kelly, Fleming, Hyslop (Hannah), McAnespie, McCall, McCherry, Masterton, McLaughlin, Cramond
 Aberdeen: Clark; Gennie, McLelland, McMaster (Fleming), Garner, Miller, Sullivan (Watson), Archibald, Harper, Gibson, Jarvie

CLYDEBANK (0) 2 (O'Brien, Murray)
PARTICK (0) 0 4,000
 Clydebank: Gallacher; Hall, Colgan, Fallon, McCormack, Houston, O'Brien, McColl, Murray, McCallan, Lumsden
 Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Marr, Anderson, Gibson, Houston (Campbell), O'Hara, Fleming, Love, Craig (Melrose)

DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 (Bourke)
HIBS (1) 1 (McLeod) 6,880
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Rennie, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Bourke, Wallace (Kirkwood), Fleming, Payne
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie (Brazil), Smith, McNamara, Stewart, Bremner, Murray, McLeod, Hutchinson, Duncan, McGhee

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Stevens)
ST MIRREN (0) 0 8,670
 Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Wark (Miller, J), Miller (P), McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, O'Rourke, Davidson (Mungall), McLaren
 St Mirren: Hunter (D); Beckett, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Richardson, (Young), Stark, McGarvey, Abercrombie, Hyslop

RANGERS (2) 3 (Smith, Greig, Parlange)
CELTIC (0) 1 (Edvaldsson) 54,000
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean (Parlange), Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper (Miller)
 Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Munro, Glavin, Edvaldsson, Craig, McAdam, Wilson

MONDAY, JAN. 9

F.A. CUP (Third Round replay)

WREXHAM (3) 3 (Thomas, McNeil, Whittle)
BRISTOL C (0) 0 15,614

Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Cegielski, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil (Lyons), Whittle, Griffiths
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies, Gow, Collier, Merrick, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mabbutt, Cormack

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

F.A. CUP (Third Round replays)

BOLTON (0) 2 (Ritson, Jones G.)
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Taylor pen.) a.e.t. 31,314
 Bolton: McDonagh; Ritson, Nicholson, Greaves (Jones, G.), Walsh, Allardice, Morgan, Whatmore, Train, Reid, Worthington
 Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddle, McAllister, Perryman, Pratt, McNab (Armstrong), Duncan, Lee, Taylor

MILLWALL (1) 2 (Lee 2)
ROTHERHAM (0) 0 8,051
 Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Brisley, Kitchener, Hazell, Pearson, Seaman, Hamilton, Lee, Chambers
 Rotherham: McAlister; Womble, Breckin, Matthews, Forrest, Green, Rhodes, Finney, Dawson, Goodfellow, Nix

OLDHAM (1) 1 (Young)
LUTON (1) 2 (Boersma 2) 13,802
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Holt, Gardner, Edwards, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Halom, Chapman, Young (Hoolickin)
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Carr, Hill, Faulkner, Jones, Husband, Ingram, Fitcher (R), Fuccillo, Boersma

SOUTHAMPTON 0
GRIMSBY 0 22,462
 Southampton: Turner; Waldron, Holmes, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Hebbard (Funnell), Neville
 Grimsby: Batch; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Cumming, Donovan, Partridge, Liddell, Brolly

WOLVES (1) 3 (Richards, Hibbitt, Daley)
EXETER (0) 1 (Kellow) 19,692
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Hazell, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Bell, Daly
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Giles, Hatch, Saxton, Kellow, Randell, Roberts, Holman

FOURTH DIVISION

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Habbin)
SWANSEA (1) 1 (Moore K.) 2,509
 Doncaster: Peacock; Robinson, Reed, Laidlaw, Owen, Taylor, Bowden, Snodin (Wignall), O'Callaghan, Habbin, Bentley
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, May, Bartley, Chappell, James (R), Curtis (Charles), Moore (G), Moore (K)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

F.A. CUP (Third Round replays)

MAN. UTD (2) 4 (Macari 2, Pearson 2)
CARLISLE (0) 2 (Tait, Rafferty) 54,156
 Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Houston, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Pearson, Macari, Hill
 Carlisle: Ross; Carr, McCartney, Macdonald, Lathan, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton

NEWCASTLE (0) 2 (Craig T., Blackhall)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0 25,770
 Newcastle: Carr; Nattrass, Barker, Cassidy, McCaffery, Blackhall, Hudson, Burns, Mitchell, Gowing, Craig (T)
 Peterborough: Barron; Hughes, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Sargent, Carmichael, Robson

(Norwich v Orient postponed)

THIRD DIVISION

OXFORD (1) 2 (Foley, Jeffrey)
CAMBRIDGE (1) 3 (Watson, Morgan, Finney) 3,113
 Oxford: Milkins; Fogg, Drysdale, Briggs, Stott, Jeffrey, Seacole, Taylor, Foley, Curran, Duncan
 Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Buckley, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs, Morgan (Cozens), Finney, Biley

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

THIRD DIVISION

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Gough)
GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Walker) 6,447
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Packer, Downman, Foley, Gough (Dyer), Froggatt, Allinson, Garwood
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Armstrong (Walker), Overton, Knight, Crabbe, Hunt, Weatherly, Hughes, Westwood, Richardson

FOURTH DIVISION

SOUTHEND (0) 0
READING (1) 2 (Kearns 2) 6,215
 Southend: Horn; Banks, Yates, Laverick, Hadley, Moody, Fell, Pountney, Parker, Abbott, Morris
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Sutton, Bennett, Earles, Nelson, Kearns, Cumming, Davies

WATFORD (0) 1 (Garner)
STOCKPORT (0) 0 12,754
 Watford: Rankin; Geldmintis, Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Downes, Mayes, Jenkins, Joslyn, Pollard
 Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Fogarty, Loadwick, Smith, Summerbee, Halford, (Massey), Prudham, Fletcher



Liam Brady opened the scoring from a free-kick in his side's 3-1 victory v. Wolves.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (2) 3 (Brady, Macdonald, Stapleton)
WOLVES (0) 1 (Young o.g.) 34,784
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Hazell, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Eves (Bell), Daly

BIRMINGHAM (0) 2 (Bertschin, Connolly)
LEEDS (0) 3 (Graham 3) 23,703
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Page, Pendrey, Towers, Gallagher, Howard, Connolly, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Dillon
 Leeds: Harvey; Reaney, Gray (F), Lorimer, Parkinson, Cherry, Gray (E), Currie, Hankin, Flynn, Graham

BRISTOL C 0
LEICESTER 0 19,704
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mabbutt, Whitehead
 Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Goodwin, Sims, Webb, Smith, Kelly, Earle, Salmons, Armstrong

COVENTRY (2) 5 (McDonald, Wallace, Coop pen., Graydon 2)
CHELSEA (0) 1 (Wilkins R.) 21,155
 Coventry: Blyth; Roberts, McDonald, Yorath, Osgood, Coop, Graydon, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Wilkins (G), Sparrow, Britton, Harris, Wicks, Garner, Lewington, Langley, Wilkins (R), Walker

DERBY 0
NOTT M F 0 36,500
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Daly, Daniel, Todd, Curran, Rioch, Masson, George, Ryan (Powell)
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson

EVERTON (1) 1 (King)
ASTON VILLA (0) 0 40,630
 Everton: Wood; Darracott, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Gregory, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Gray (Linton), Cowans, Buttress

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Mariner)
MAN. UTD (2) 2 (McIlroy, Pearson) 23,367
 Ipswich: Cooper; Mills, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Wark, Viljoen, Mariner (Brazil), Geddis, Gates
 Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Houston, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Pearson, Macari, Hill

MAN. CITY (2) 3 (Kidd, Booth, Barnes)
WEST HAM (1) 2 (Brooking, Cross) 43,627
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements (Channon), Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen, Barnes, Bell, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart
 West Ham: Ferguson; McDowell, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor (T), Curbishley, Devonshire, Robson, Cross, Brooking, Hales

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1



A defender jumps early to head a high ball as an opponent ducks. Both fall. Should you (a) take no action, (b) award a free-kick against the defender or (c) against his opponent?

2

A: Two opposing players touch the ball at the same moment before it crosses the goal-line. You decide to restart by dropping the ball.

B: When the ball is dropped it rolls over the goal-line before it is touched by a player. You decide to drop it again.

C: When you drop the ball again a defender handles it before it touches the ground. You decide to drop it once more. (Where is the problem?)



ANSWERS

1. The opponent has made no attempt to challenge and has also endangered the defender. Award a free-kick against him (c). 2. The problem is in A. A goal-kick should be awarded i.e. giving the benefit of doubt to the defending team. In B and C the correct decision has been taken to re-drop the ball.

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GRAEME SOUNESS-

Liverpool's V.I.P. Signing

"**A**rgentina, here I come." that must be the cry of Scottish international Graeme Souness who has left the North-East scene for the spotlight of Liverpool.

At Anfield, the former Middlesbrough midfielder has the stage on which to display his rich talents and establish his right for a World Cup place.

The £352,000 star grabbed the chance to join the European Champions. He felt he had reached the point of no return. He wanted to broaden his horizons, to sample the European atmosphere, to prove himself in distinguished company.

At Ayresome Park, the former Spurs player had won a Second Division Championship medal and established himself as a talented First Division player. Now the soccer world is at his feet.

'Disenchanted'

Yet the New Year opened on a sour note for him. A row with Middlesbrough manager John Neal. Suspension for a breach of club discipline.

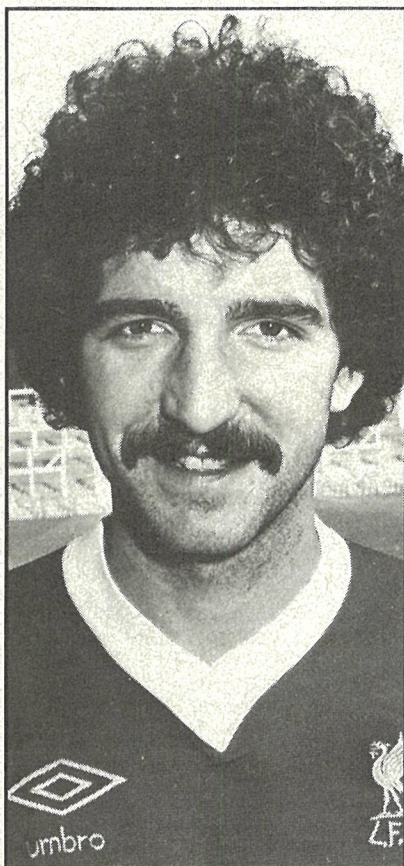
"I am fed up, disenchanted with the game. I feel like a good holiday away from it all," groaned Souness.

Back in training, he received a call: "Report to a hotel in Leeds." There was no hint of the club involved in the meeting. "I hoped it would be Liverpool, though," said Souness. It was.

"I feel on top of the world," he enthused after the signing. "To join a world-class club like Liverpool is marvellous."

Liverpool took no chances. They sent Souness back for his belongings in VIP style, a chauffeur-driven car, with orders to return immediately to Merseyside to prepare for a match at West Brom.

Middlesbrough chairman Charles Amer described the transfer as inevitable. "The Souness saga had gone on long enough. He had been unsettled



with us for some time."

Club skipper Stuart Boam expressed the view that club morale could improve.

"Graeme is a great player, make no mistake about that. But all the publicity and unrest was not good for team morale. It unsettled the rest of the players.

"His move is a loss but it could end up for the best in the end. It should ease the atmosphere in the club."

Souness left a strong impression on Middlesbrough fans as one of the best players to serve the club in Post-War years. Now he has the chance to prove himself in front of the famous Liverpool Kop. The Souness deal could prove worth every penny of £352,000.

HOW THE DEAL WAS DONE

The transfer of Middlesbrough midfield star Graeme Souness to Liverpool created a financial record in British football. Never has so much money changed hands so quickly.

The £352,000 deal, in a deserted Leeds hotel ballroom, took less than two minutes. Middlesbrough chairman Charles Amer discloses: "There was no argument. John Smith, the Liverpool chairman, accepted our price without a blink.

"We shook hands and it was all over in about 90 seconds."

ENGLAND international centre-forward Joe Royle has been used to playing his football in the soccer-mad cities of Liverpool and Manchester — so it was interesting to ask the big striker how he found the atmosphere in Bristol in comparison to his former haunts.

And without hesitating for a moment, Joe answered: "It's wonderful. The Bristol City supporters are thoroughly enjoying the experience of their club being in the First Division. This is their second season since promotion, and their enthusiasm makes it a real pleasure to be playing at Ashton Gate.

"At the present time, we are busy consolidating our position in the League, and once that has been done, we can look forward to

second-half of the season. Though I can honestly say that since I came here, we've had some bad luck on other grounds."

In addition to Joe's desire to score goals for his club, he has ambitions to make an England comeback and stamp his mark on the international scene.

"On two other occasions, in 1972 and 1975, I've managed to play my way back into the England side," he recalls.

"I'm equally determined this time to make the effort to get back. With Bristol, I'm playing as a target man, but with more emphasis on goalscoring than at Maine Road, and I'm hoping to show form which will help my England chances."

On the subject of England's former manager, Don Revie, Joe

JOE ROYLE- Goals for Bristol City can boost England chances

winning some trophies.

"But though the visit of a top club such as Nottingham Forest can bring Bristol City a capacity gate, there is not the pressure on us there was at Maine Road.

"Of course, I miss the Manchester City players and my friends there, but my wife and I are looking for a house in Bristol and we'll have no difficulty in settling down.

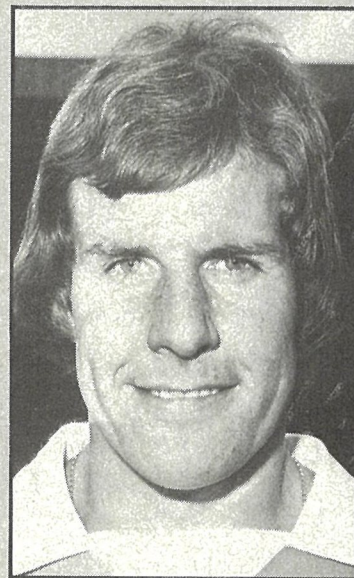
"And I'm confident there is no chance of us being relegated this season. We are tight at the back, and apart from giving a few goals away in a couple of games over the Christmas period, most of our defeats have been by narrow margins."

But if Royle is happy with his move, he does have one criticism since he donned a City jersey — it concerns goals.

"I had four goals disallowed in my first few games, and I thought that wrong decisions were made. I know these sort of things can balance themselves out over a season, but I was disappointed because goals weren't coming easily at the time. Following the four I got against Middlesbrough in my first match for Bristol City, I had a lean patch.

"About Middlesbrough, I rate their defence highly in spite of the hat-trick I scored against them — and one of the goals I notched was one they thought should not have been given!

"Here at Bristol, our goals-for column is good — scoring on our own ground has been no problem. But where we can improve is in coming up with some better away results, which we hope to do in the



remains loyal to his ex-international boss.

"I would never criticise Don Revie, who I've always respected. When he was trying to do his job, he was being constantly hounded by the Press.

"But apart from myself, I believe most of the men who played under him feel the same way as I do and would be loyal to him."

And there is no doubt Bristol City can expect 100 per cent loyalty from Joe, who is as willing to make goals for others as he is to score them himself — with luck, he plans to do plenty of both between now and the end of the season.

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Crystal Palace

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BIRTHPLACE: London

BIRTHDATE: 19th May, 1956

HEIGHT: 6ft

WEIGHT: 12st

PREVIOUS CLUB: Feltham

MARRIED: No

CAR: Triumph Stag

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Stan Bowles

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Q.P.R.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:

Team-mate Jim Cannon

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Against Brighton in the F.A. Cup last season when we won in the second replay

BIGGEST THRILL: Promotion to Division Two

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: None

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: France

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and chips

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Cinema

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Training in the rain

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOW: Tom and Jerry

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Nat King Cole, Elton John

FAVOURITE ACTORS: Clint Eastwood, Charles Bronson, James Coburn

BEST FRIEND: A few

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:

Brian Laing

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Not winning

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 106 caps!

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for England

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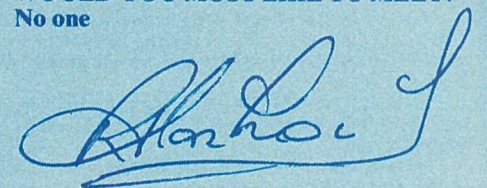
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE?

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WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD

WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?

No one



SHOOT!



Willie Johnston (left, dark shirt) was sent-off for Scotland against Argentina during last summer's South American tour.

they have much the same squad now.

They certainly don't believe in a youth policy.

And although Iran have scored impressive draws against Brazil and Argentina at home, I think it will be a different story for them in South America.

Ally MacLeod will be getting the low-down on the Middle East boys from former Manchester United boss Frank O'Farrell who was in charge of the World Cup unknowns.

There can be no doubt, too, Holland who really looked THE team of the '74 Finals in West Germany are not the side they were.

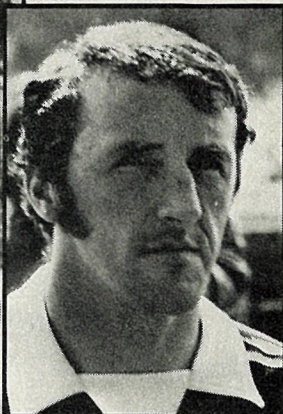
Who is to say Scotland can't take care of them too... especially if they are without Johan Cruyff and co?

At any rate I am sure we will qualify for the final two groups of four even if it is only as runners-up in Group Four.

So let's take out the crystal ball and select the last eight.

I'm tipping Italy and Hungary to qualify from Group One — not you will note Argentina — West Germany and Poland from Group Two, Brazil and Sweden from Group Three and Holland and Scotland from Group Four.

I realise that is only one South American country in the last eight, perhaps a surprise selection to some... but as



John Greig

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'HOT TEMPERERS WON'T COST US THE WORLD CUP'

**Tartan
Talk
DANNY McGRAIN**

NO complaints! That must be the verdict on the draw for the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina as far as Scotland are concerned.

If Ally MacLeod had made the draw himself, I doubt if he could have made it any better for us.

I respect the views of those who fear we may be getting over-complacent about a draw that has tied us in with the unknowns of Iran and the old men of Peru — as well as '74 Finalists Holland — but I can't agree with them.

Surely if Scotland had been drawn in say Group One, with Italy, France, Argentina or Hungary we would all be saying: "I wish we had been drawn with Iran and Peru!"

Put it this way. If Scotland don't qualify for the last eight this time, we don't deserve to. It is as simple as that.

The facts about Peru speak for themselves. I was in the crowd at Hampden back in 1972 when we scored a 2-0 victory over them and by all accounts

it happens I think one country from that continent — Brazil — will lift the trophy.

I'm going for West Germany to take the runners-up spot and continue their amazing World Cup record which has seen them placed every time since 1966.

Third? I fancy we Scots might just make it... especially if we win our section.

It will be a real psychological boost if we beat Holland... and mark my words, we'll take some stopping then.

What else has that World Cup draw thrown up?

I reckon the Italy v Argentina game on Saturday, June 10th, which could turn out to be a section decider will be a real cracker.

Whatever else they will need, they'd better make sure they have a good referee!

I am quite happy we will be playing in Mendoza and Cordoba and not Buenos Aires. The capital is too big as we found out on Scotland's South American tour last year.

It was difficult trying to relax there although I will welcome the invitation to try if it means Scotland appearing in the World Cup Final.

I have seen pictures of our hotel in Mendoza and it looks very restful. I believe we might be sharing it with Iran and Peru, but the place is big enough for us to be kept well apart from them.

And in answer to the fans who have asked me about the distractions in Argentina — earthquakes and terrorists to name two — I have to say we won't be bothering too much about them.

After all if that was the attitude, our worries would begin the moment we stepped on the plane.

We're looking forward to action — on the pitches. And talking of pitches, manager Ally MacLeod reports the pitches at all the centres are different class. The best he has ever seen.

One thing that has become a talking point about Scotland's appearance in the Finals is the fact our opponents might take advantage of any Scottish weakness in keeping our tempers.

OK, so hot tempers might be a Scottish weakness, but it won't cost us the World Cup.

I don't see Iran or Peru trying it on, but when we played Argentina in the tour last year, they were so ruthless it was untrue.

Poor Willie Johnston was sent-off, but he was utterly blameless.

Ally MacLeod will hammer it into our minds that this is a once in a lifetime situation.

Our ball-players will get protection. The discipline in the last two World Cup Finals was magnificent, and I think the F.I.F.A. referees will sort it all out again.

Finally, I suppose I had better give you my fortnightly medical report.

It's not too dramatic at all. I am still making progress, but I can't give a comeback date yet.

See you in two weeks. Take care.

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The 25 tracksuits awarded by Admiral Sportswear as a result of the soccer quiz in the 1978 Admiral Book of Football have been won by:

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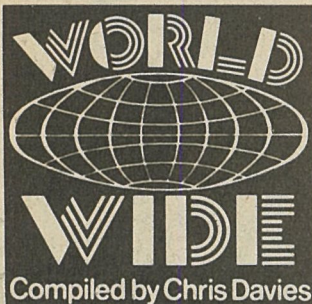
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The winners will receive their tracksuits through the post.



SPANISH player Francisco Garcia has been banned for 42 matches after "threatening, insulting and assaulting" the referee of the Albaidense-Carcagente game.

Bad start for Mexico

MEXICO's World Cup preparations got off to a bad start when the clubs in Monterey decided they wouldn't allow the national side to play their preparation friendlies against Levski Spartak and Zurich Grasshoppers in their stadiums.

At the last minute the F.A. found a ground in Leon where they could stage the fixtures.

By the way, their manager José Antonio Roca is now working full-time with the national team, and a Uruguayan with the picturesque name of Dagoberto Moll has taken over his job as manager of Mexico's top club Atlético Español.

REAL MADRID and Spain captain, Pirri, hasn't been having the happiest times of his career. The injury he suffered in the opening minutes of Spain's violent World Cup game against Yugoslavia didn't respond to treatment, and he was out of the game for nearly three months.

On top of that, Pirri's new T.V. shop in Madrid has twice been broken into in recent weeks.

● Five players of Hamburg club St. Pauli were seen in the notorious Reeperbahn night-spot area of the city and it was obvious they'd had too much to drink.

The next day they were each fined £500 by the club. Expensive night out for them!

● Quote of the week: "I think the United States will surpass England as a soccer power very soon. England doesn't seem to have found the winning combination."

That was Gordon Banks (of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers) speaking at a reception in New York.



Who's who and rough stuff in Africa

AFRICAN football may rank fairly low in world standings, but when it comes to violence the Africans certainly aren't learners.

The latest punishments handed out by the African Football Confederation make fascinating, if not happy, reading.

There was a strange case involving the Ivory Coast when Mali and Nigeria claimed an Ivorian player was the same as the one suspended for 12 months by F.I.F.A. recently.

He played in the African Cup, but the Ivory Coast F.A. presented two passports supporting their assertion that the two players in question were different individuals.

The African Football Confederation weren't convinced and asked for the players to be produced in person, but — surprise, surprise — the Ivorians

were reluctant to do this.

The player — Guidi Ignace alias Aka Kablan — turned out to be the same person and the Ivory Coast forfeited their games against Mali and Nigeria and were also banned from the next African Cup. Of course, they were eliminated from the tournament in question and were also fined £800.

Togo were also given a similar punishment after it was proved a member of the Togo F.A. instructed police officers to beat up the Senegalese officials after a game.

On the other hand, the Senegalese police team's supporters thumped the players of Nigeria after an African Cup Winners' Cup game!

Last, but not least, during a game in Zambia, reserves of Mouloudia attacked and injured one of the Zambian players.



BRAZIL CHIEF "NEEDS HIS HEAD EXAMINED"

A great uproar has arisen in Brazil, following suggestions by the president of the F.A., Heleno Nunes (left), that one cruzeiro should be charged to people placing their bets with the football pools, in order to help the clubs pay their outstanding debts with the National Health System.

Most clubs have debts that run back years and some of them simply have never paid the National Health at all. The suggestion by Heleno Nunes was heard in the Brazilian Parliament, where one member said Heleno Nunes should have his head examined — by the National Health!

● One cruzeiro amounts to five pence.

'Scotland certs'

REACTIONS to the World Cup draw

Franz Beckenbauer, former captain of West Germany: "We have the easiest group, only Poland might cause a surprise. The Cosmos have not yet decided if they'll let me play. I'm willing to, but I doubt if I'll get permission to leave during the American season."

Ernst Happel, Holland manager: "We had the luck. Obviously the last game against Scotland will be hard, but we have two other matches to make ourselves safe."

Ruud Krol, Holland defender: "It's likely Holland, Scotland, West Germany and Poland will definitely qualify for the later stages."

West Germany boss Helmut Schoen found himself in a spot of bother when he was thrown out of one of the grounds in Buenos Aires.

Schoen had no identity-card and was escorted out at gun-point. An F.A. spokesman said: "The security police were very angry."

Incidentally, Happel plans a private visit to Barcelona to see Johan Cruyff personally about his World Cup problem.

Happel said: "I will try to convince Johan he must play. If the Press, or even my own F.A., finds out when I'm going I'll stay at home because Johan is sick with all the publicity about playing in the World Cup."

WEST GERMANY captain Berti Vogts has come under fire — critics claim he's spending too much time on work outside football.

The Borussia Mönchengladbach star denies this, but he has cancelled 30 autograph-signing appointments in stores which would have brought him £20,000!

WORLD CUP PRESS

This is how the world's Press will be represented at the World Cup Finals. Note the figures for England and the U.S.A. . . . and Scotland:

SOUTH AMERICA — 3,857: Argentina 2,595 — Brazil 560 — Uruguay 221 — Chile 109 — Peru 78 — Colombia 74 — Ecuador 61 — Paraguay 60 — Bolivia 59 — Venezuela 40.

EUROPE — 1,704: West Germany 285 — England 205 — Italy 185 — France 154 — Switzerland 103 — Holland 99 — Spain 98 — Sweden 89 — Denmark 55 — Poland 51 — Turkey 48 — Yugoslavia 41 — East Germany and Russia 38 — Belgium 34 — Austria 32 — Czechoslovakia 22 — Scotland 20 — Norway and Malta 10 — Hungary 9 — Portugal 5 — Northern Ireland 3 — Luxembourg and Monaco 2 — 76 still to be allocated.

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Spanish 'crimes'

Señor Ruiz Sosa, manager of Spanish Second Division side, Real Oviedo, is fuming after being fined £600. It all started when Ruiz Sosa was called to see the president, and his "crime" was leaving in disgust when the president hadn't turned up half an hour after the agreed time.

Another man in trouble with his club is Barcelona's Alfredo Amarillo. His "crime" was publicly calling Johan Cruyff "a despot on and off the field."

"He thinks he rules the world," added the Uruguayan full-back. "One day I threw some bread at a team-mate during a meal, and some crumbs landed on Cruyff's head. He got up and told me if I did that again he'd twist my ear off."

The Barcelona directors have told Amarillo that they'll twist his ear off if he makes any more indiscreet comments about the Dutch ace, seen above on a recent skiing break.



SHOOT: Fans in Britain know little about the current Peru team, but we have happy memories of your 1970 side. How do the two compare?

MELENDEZ: Our 1970 team was made up mostly by young players and, under the Brazilian trainer Didi, the best points of each man were brought together into a strong team. Our side was also a good one, because the training was well-planned and started early. There are some players of the 1978 team who were in Mexico — Chumpitaz, Cubillas, Sotil, Ramirez — and the new, but seasoned, players of the team include Muñante, Rojas, Oblitas and Quesada. All these have a great deal of experience, much more than the average player of the 1970 team.

SHOOT: Your 1970 coach was Didi. Who is in charge now . . . and can you tell us a little about him?

MELENDEZ: Our present coach is Marcos Calderón, a Peruvian who, over the years, has trained Peru's best teams. I think he's one of the most knowledgeable men in national football. He trained the team which in 1975 won the South American title.

SHOOT: In 1970 Peru played attacking football. Has your style changed much?

MELENDEZ: No, our style hasn't altered. In fact, the Peruvian team has developed a much stronger offensive system than the 1970 team, mostly because the players are much faster now, especially in forward positions.

SHOOT: We think, with respect, that the average age of your side seems rather high. Is this true?

MELENDEZ: Our present team has



ABOVE . . . Peru before one of their qualifying ties.

LEFT . . . Marcos Calderón, the coach who has guided Peru to the Finals.

RIGHT . . . Experienced captain Julio Melendez.



'WE'RE EVEN

a higher average age than the team of 1970, but I think this is an advantage because at World Championships the players who have triumphed have been men with a great deal of experience gained over the years on the field. Cruyff and Beckenbauer in the last Cup are a good example. The only exception is Pelé, which is why he's King.

SHOOT: Which new players, in particular, can we look out for in the World Cup Finals from Peru?

MELENDEZ: For the '78 Cup, special note should be taken of new men on the field and in our case, players like Oblitas, Rojas and Quesada.

SHOOT: Countries like Brazil and West Germany have vast facilities for top preparation. How will Peru prepare for Argentina?

MELENDEZ: In Peru, we are still waiting to begin the training season for the team and until now the technical director has not been appointed. As far as I'm concerned, the director should already have been named to set up his technical group and start preparation.

SHOOT: Will you be coming to Europe? Would it be a good experience for you?

World Cup



Argentina '78

CAPTAINS

No. 2

**Julio
Melendez
PERU**

MELENDEZ: The plans set out a while ago included a European tour and we're now only waiting for the appointment of a technical director to confirm the tour. I think it would be a great advantage, especially for the new players, because we would get to know our future rivals and gain vital experience.

SHOOT: How much of an advantage is the fact the Finals are in South America to you?

MELENDEZ: The main advantage is we will be playing in an environment we know and therefore can also count on the support among the spectators.

SHOOT: In the last two World Cups attacking football has won. Do you see this trend being continued?

MELENDEZ: I think so, because this is the football that is being currently played and I also think it is faster for moving the ball.

SHOOT: What are Peru expected to do in Argentina. Realistically, do you think you can win?

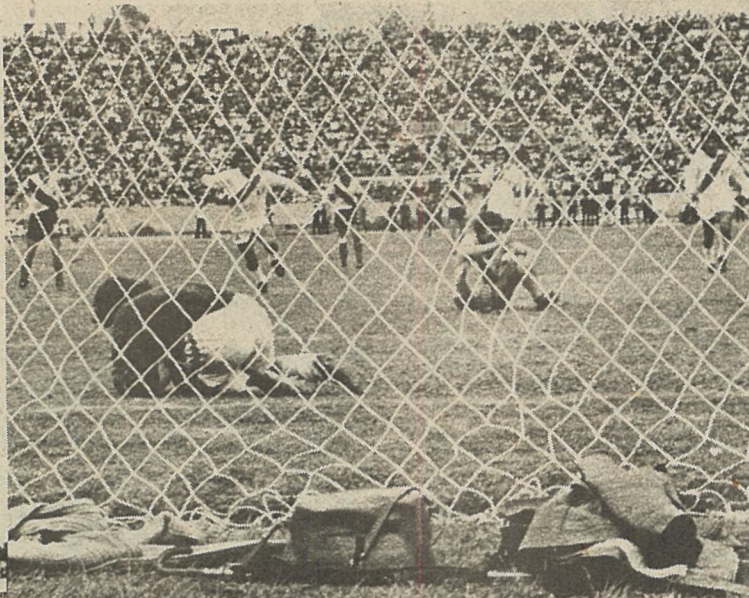
MELENDEZ: Peru will be playing offensive football and will enter the Finals to get, like all the other teams, the best classification possible. Our aim will always be to win.

SHOOT: What would you call success for your country?

MELENDEZ: A good position for us would be from sixth upwards, but we shouldn't discard the chance we may be the surprise of the Finals.

SHOOT: You have little experience of playing against European teams. Is this going to be much of a handicap?

MELENDEZ: It could be. We're lacking international tournaments in our own country. We used to have quite a number here, especially with European teams. But



LEFT . . . Peru celebrate a goal against Bulgaria in Leon during the Mexico World Cup Finals in 1970.

ABOVE . . . Quesada scores against Ecuador in a qualifying game.

ABOVE, RIGHT . . . Melendez (left) with Hector Chumpitaz, the previous skipper of Peru.

this and trying to help pull it through.

SHOOT: Do you think it is good for soccer that some top countries will miss the Finals, while some smaller nations will be there?

MELENDEZ: A renewal of values is good for men, and as far as countries participating in a World Cup is



concerned it is also good because it allows the new countries to gain the necessary experience, as Mexico was for Peru in 1970.

SHOOT: Do you see explosive situations with referees?

MELENDEZ: A referee's decision is always final on the playing field.

SHOOT: Who are your tips for World Cup glory?

MELENDEZ: I think the teams with the greatest chance of winning the World Cup are either Brazil or Argentina from South America; or West Germany or Holland from Europe.

● Interview by Tomás Zuniga A.

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BERTI VOGTS
West Germany**

BETTER THAN IN 1970'

this can, in part, be compensated for by a tour of Europe.

SHOOT: How do you see the basic differences in the two styles?

MELENDEZ: European football is strong on speed, fight and teamwork. South American football is based more on exact performance as well as inspiration, but it has recently adapted to speed as well.

SHOOT: A World Cup always gives us new heroes. Which South American players can you see making the headlines?

MELENDEZ: The Brazilian player Zico, Kempes of Argentina, Cubillas and Oblitas in particular from Peru.

SHOOT: The top countries will offer their players vast bonuses. What will Peru players receive in Argentina?

MELENDEZ: The present Peruvian team is being notably economic, because the players are not making any demands and until now there has been no talk of bonuses. In fact in the South American Championship, which we won, the players had to take their own football boots. The reason is Peruvian football is going through a bad crisis and the players are aware of



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WEIGHT: 11st 9lb
CLUBS: Nacional Mollendo, Universitario de Deportes, Vera Cruz in Mexico and now Sporting Crystal in Mexico
MARRIED: Yes
CHILDREN: Two
CAR: Toyota 2000
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pele
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Borussia Mönchengladbach
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Ze Maria of Brazil

FOCUS ON Juan Carlos Oblitas

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Against Brazil in 1975 in the South American Cup

BIGGEST THRILL: Being Champions of South America that year and qualifying for Argentina

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the Final of the Copa Libertadores in 1974

BEST COUNTRIES VISITED: Argentina and Brazil

FAVOURITE FOOD: Maramón (Arab speciality) and the dishes of the Creole Indian people of Peru

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Reading, going to the cinema, listening to music

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Nothing, really, I respect other people's tastes

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Sports, Police Story, Streets of San Francisco, Police Trilogy

FAVOURITE SINGER: Barbra Streisand

FAVOURITE ACTORS: Jack Nicholson, Paul Newman, Anthony Quinn

BEST FRIEND: Alberto Saba, my cousin

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My uncle, Amador Saba, who died a few years ago

BIGGEST DRAG IN FOOTBALL: The atmosphere off the pitch. The way people want to be your best friend one moment and ignore you the next. And the way the Press changes its opinion of players from one week to the next

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: With Peru I have helped them to become Champions of South America and qualify for the World Cup Finals

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy with my family and provide security for them

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To better myself in the game

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A doctor; I was studying medicine before becoming a footballer

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Jimmy Carter, President of the United States

THE STORY OF ALLY MacLEOD, MANAGER OF SCOTLAND

THE fans blinked in utter astonishment. Surely they were seeing things. There was Ally MacLeod, the man who will lead Scotland's ambitious bid to win the World Cup in Argentina, doing a fair impression of an all-in wrestler with a rival manager out on the track!

It was a mind-boggling sight as the other boss charged into Ally and sent him flying. What was happening? The explanation comes from MacLeod: "Oh, it was nothing really. I was manager of Ayr United at the time and there wasn't long to go in a match against St. Johnstone.

"The ball went out of play and landed at my feet. I stopped it and pulled it in. It was a vital stage of the game and St. Johnstone were pressing for a goal.

"Suddenly, their boss Jackie Stewart — now in charge of Airdrie, of course — came hurtling over, knocked me flying, retrieved the ball and gave it to one of his players to take the throw-in.

"Okay, I admit I was cheeky and Jackie was right to do what he did.

of sauce, the salt, the pepper, the cups and just about everything he could get his hands on in an effort to demonstrate a tactic.

"I remember the two bottles of sauce were always his central defenders at Ayr: Alex McAnespie and Stan Quinn!"

MacLeod's natural exuberance has often landed him in trouble. Another boss who didn't take too kindly to some of Ally's antics during a game was Bobby Howitt, the former Motherwell manager.

Ally upset him so much Howitt tried to attack him in the tunnel after the game! Howitt took a swing, thankfully missed the ducking MacLeod and had to be restrained. Again there are no hard feelings. Ally says simply: "These things happen. It's part of the game, Bobby is a friend of mine these days."

The Scottish manager has seen life and his experiences make him a thoroughly likeable fellow, although he can be hard when it is required. He was brought up in Clydebank, but the family home was bombed during the War.

BELOW . . . Ally (left) in action for Blackburn against Wolves in the 1960 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.



THE MUHAMMAD ALI AS 'GREAT' AS HE

I couldn't blame him. I might have reacted in the same manner myself if the roles had been switched.

"The incident didn't bother me, but the trouble was an Ayr fan wanted to have Jackie charged by the police! Thankfully, there were no repercussions and Jackie is now a firm friend of mine. No hard feelings."

That is just one little happening in the eventful, sometimes stormy, certainly never dull soccer life of Scotland's team manager. He has been called an extrovert. He has been tagged controversial. Others claim he is just a big mouth. There is no way you can ignore this man, though, and his admirers outnumber his detractors.

He lives for football. MacLeod was the sort of player who was always destined to be a manager. You can't imagine him living a life outside soccer, although he has had several opportunities. He was offered a huge contract by one firm to be a sort of super salesman, but MacLeod, who could probably sell sand to the Arabs, turned it down and preferred to stick with soccer.

Celtic's assistant-manager Davie McParland is a close friend of MacLeod. He knows how enthusiastic the man is. He says: "When I was manager of Partick Thistle and he was Ayr's boss we used to meet quite often for lunch to have a chat about the game.

"I'm telling you, I had to take my shinguards along sometimes! Ally really gets excited. He is kicking every ball under that table and if your legs are in the way — well, that's too bad for you.

"People must have thought we were a couple of nutcases sometimes if they didn't recognise us. Ally would be moving the bottles



They moved to Mount Florida, in Glasgow, where the MacLeod family was in the shadow of Scotland's international home, Hampden Park. While he was still at Queen's Park Secondary School he signed for Third Lanark and immediately displayed the sort of flair and colour that would illustrate his football life.

After two years' National Service with the Royal Scots, he played briefly for St. Mirren before being transferred to Blackburn Rovers where he really scaled the heights as a winger. He helped his

ABOVE . . . Aberdeen have just won the 1977 Scottish League Cup. Manager Ally MacLeod celebrates The Dons victory over Celtic.

side to the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley in 1960, but had to be content with a loser's medal. Blackburn finished 17th in First that term.

He was an exciting player with snake-like hips that bewildered, baffled and bothered defenders. He wanted to be a winner. He would try the adventurous, the difficult things in an effort to bring victory to his side. His objective is,

in fact, naively simple: to win.

MacLeod could have ordered his team to play for a draw when they met Wales in that crucial World Cup qualifying tie at Anfield. He didn't, though. He was adamant he wanted a win and both points. In the end he got his wish with a 2-0 victory.

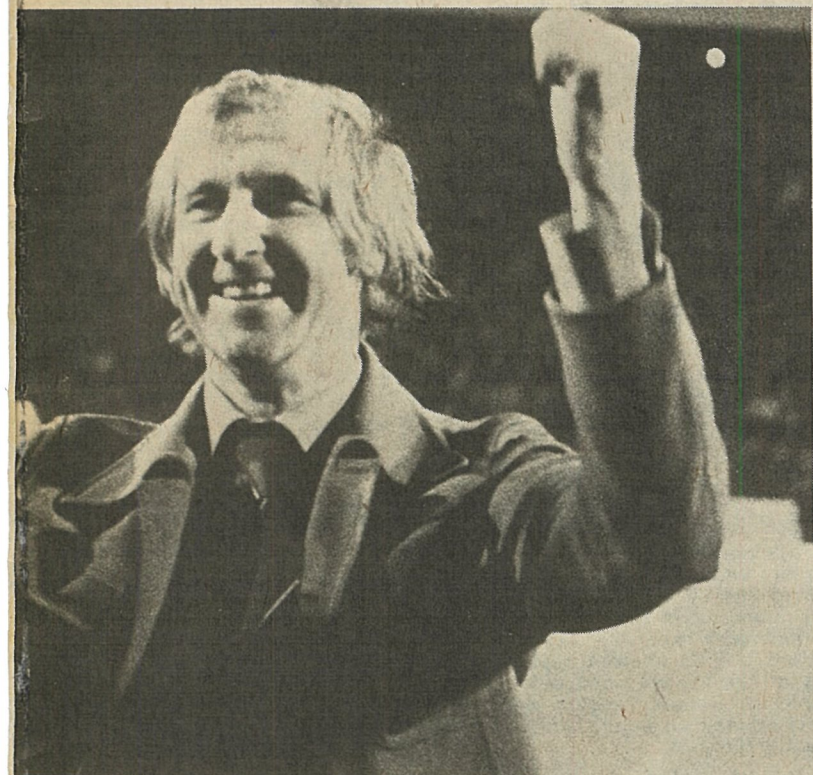
After Blackburn, he took his winning ways to Hibs where he was made captain. He stayed for two years before moving on to Ayr United as player-coach. Then, not surprisingly to all who knew his capabilities, he became manager of the Somerset Park side.

"I put the town and the team on the map," he declares without a trace of conceit.

MacLeod stayed ten years with Ayr United. And he really did work wonders. They were a sagging, down-and-out side when he arrived. He took the dying team, gave it the kiss of life, worked on it and eventually created a Premier Division side.

When MacLeod was being praised there was always someone who would say: "He may not be bad, but what has he won? Nothing!"

MacLeod's machine-gun reply was swift: "People say Jock Stein is the best manager in Scotland, but I don't agree. If I had the same resources as he has I would win trophies, too. The same goes for Rangers. If I had their cash behind me I would bring success to Ibrox."



OF FOOTBALL! SAYS HE IS!

a shadow of their former team, were revitalised. But he still had to win a trophy . . . and that came two years ago. He took The Dons to Hampden for a League Cup Final showdown with Celtic, the favourites. They conceded an early goal when Kenny Dalglish slotted in a penalty, but like their boss, the Aberdeen players didn't lose heart.

They moved the ball about sweetly, dragging the Celtic rear-guard across the park. Drew Jarvie headed an equaliser with the Parkhead defence in total disarray and, in extra-time, Davie Robb got in on the blindside to hit the winner in off the despairing Peter Latchford.

MacLeod's beaming smile answered his critics. Typically, he wasn't content with that victory. Almost right after the final whistle MacLeod was saying: "We can still win the League and the Scottish Cup. We are the only side who can now do a clean sweep of the domestic trophies."

Alas for Ally, the hat-trick did not materialise. The focus though was firmly on MacLeod. He was winning many admirers and when Willie Ormond quit as manager of the Scottish international side last year he was one of the front-runners for the job.

He eventually got it on May 18th

although I was asked about one. I've always felt I was good enough to keep a job on merit without a piece of paper to protect me."

The thought of the SFA or the Scottish fans NOT wanting MacLeod is just not on. The supporters have taken him to their hearts. They are proud to be part of "Ally's Army". They can identify with the man and he has an astonishing rapport with the tartan-clad fans who trek around the world cheering on their country.

MacLeod's belief in himself and his ability is sometimes misconstrued as big-headedness. That impression is wrong. Muhammad Ali said he was the greatest heavyweight boxer in the world when he was a teenager and he backed up his words. Everything MacLeod says he tries to make a reality.

But MacLeod is, basically, a very down-to-earth person. He doesn't get carried away on waves of euphoria. On the night Scotland beat Czechoslovakia 3-1 to put them on the way to the World Cup Finals, people would have been forgiven for thinking MacLeod was out celebrating with the best bottle of champagne and food.

In fact, MacLeod was sitting in his mother-in-law's house in the sprawling housing scheme of Castlemilk, in Glasgow. And what was he eating? He says: "Fish and chips. Delicious!"

MacLeod is a non-conformist. It must be virtually impossible for another manager to try to predict what Ally is going to do out on



LEFT . . . Kenny Dalglish beats a Czech defender during the World Cup-tie at Hampden Park.

ABOVE . . . Ally in Buenos Aires for the World Cup draw — seen here with the pretty Ladan Askandary, daughter of the Iranian ambassador in Argentina. She will be a World Cup "hostess".

After Ayr he moved to Aberdeen where he had bigger resources. The doubters sat back. "Let's see what he can do now," he said. "This could shut him up forever."

MacLeod swept into Pittodrie like a runaway tornado. In his first match there was a three-minute standing ovation from the Aberdeen fans. They were happy to have him and he was happy to be there. He started to build the team along his lines.

They beat Rangers 1-0 at Pittodrie and a week later they went to Parkhead. Again they returned victorious with a 2-0 win. Ally was on the way, there was no doubt about it. He wasn't afraid to put his cash where his mouth was. He bought players such as Stuart Kennedy and Jim Shirra (from Falkirk), Joe Harper (from Hibs), Dom Sullivan (from Clyde) and Ian Fleming (from Kilmarnock).

Aberdeen, who had been ailing,

and, again, his reaction was what we had come to expect. He was asked why he had taken the job. MacLeod didn't even hesitate.

"I want to be the best manager in the world," he said, "and this is the right way to go about it. I have never doubted my ability and now I will be able to compete with the very best. It's a task I'm looking forward to. It's a job I will relish."

"I haven't got a contract

that field. You can always expect the unexpected when he is around.

One thing does worry MacLeod, though. And that is the fact, as a player, he was booked only four times. As a manager, he has been booked FIVE times!

If Scotland win that glittering prize in Argentina authors can start writing a new fantasy tale. The title? It's got to be "Ally In Wonderland . . ."

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S QUIZ TIME

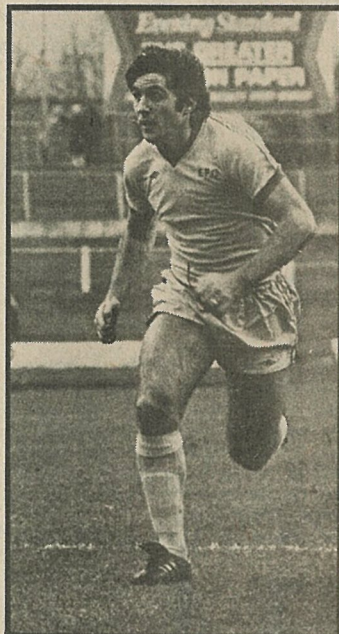
1. Did Leeds United put their centre-half Gordon McQueen on the transfer list or did the Scottish international ask for a move?

2. On Saturday, January 14th, (a) Luton Town's John Faulkner played his 100th, 200th or 300th League game for the club v. Oldham Athletic and (b) Everton striker Bob Latchford (right) made his 300th, 400th or 500th League appearance overall at home to Aston Villa?

3. Nottingham Forest progressed to the League Cup Semi-Finals when they beat Bury 3-0 at Gigg Lane. What was the half-time score?

4. Which Third Division club knocked Bristol City out of both the F.A. Cup and League Cup this season?

5. Another Third Division club were in the news recently when they sacked their manager Bobby Kennedy. Can you name the club?



6. Leicester City paid around £30,000 for a goalkeeper from Southend United. Who?



7. This player began his League career with Plymouth Argyle where he made 32 League appearances. He then had loan periods with Ipswich Town and Oxford United, without appearing in their League sides, before joining a Second Division club from Kenilworth Road. Can you identify him?

8. Did Joe Mayo (left), John Chiedozie or Peter Kitchen score Orient's only and winning goal against Norwich City at Carrow Road in a Third Round replay?

9. Alf Wood has played for Millwall, Shrewsbury, Manchester City, Walsall, Middlesbrough and Hull City during his career but not in that order. Can you arrange them correctly?

10. Following Celtic's 2-1 defeat by Aberdeen at Pittodrie on January 14th were they 13, 14 or 15 points adrift of top of the table Rangers?

ANSWERS:

1. He asked for a move. 2. (a) 200th, (b) 300th. 3. 1-0 to Forest. 4. Bury. 5. Wrexham. 6. Sean Rafter. 7. Militia Aleksic. 8. Peter Kitchen. 9. Manchester City, Shrewsbury, Millwall, Hull City, Middlesbrough and Walsall. 10. 15 points.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS: (1) Alan. (4) Shoot. (8) Lot. (10) Bow. (12) Lob. (14) Eight. (16) Orient. (17) Ail. (19) Maine. (21) Tony Brown. (25) Alone. (28) Bread. (29) Fed. (31) Dean. (32) Safety. (34) Style. (35) Santos. (36) At. DOWN: (1) Aylott. (2) Albion. (3) No. (5) Hug. (6) Obtain. (7) To. (9) Tenable. (11) Wales. (13) Or. (15) It. (18) In. (19) Monday. (20) Awe. (22) Ox. (23) Yarn. (24) Roasts. (26) Bet. (27) Odds. (28) Barn. (29) Fee. (30) Dyet. (33) Fly. (34) So.

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SHOOT: Roger, you came back to England after only 18 months in Belgium with F.C. Bruges. Why did you end what had seemed a successful stay on the Continent?

DAVIES: I like to think it was a successful stay for me. But the reason I wanted to come home was I was missing England. It's hard to say exactly what I missed about this country — I suppose there were lots of little things really. But it all added up to the fact I wanted to get back.

SHOOT: Do you mean you missed things in life generally or in football?

DAVIES: The language was a problem over there and although Bruges is a lovely place, I found there was not that much I could do except watch television. If I hadn't been able to enjoy English programmes, I think it would have been even worse.

SHOOT: What about football — how did you enjoy your stay from the soccer angle?

DAVIES: It was a very successful time for both Bruges and myself. Last season, my first full season, F.C. Bruges did the 'Double' in Belgium so I won a League and Cup medal. And this season, they were top of the League when I left. I scored 19 goals last season — top scorer for them — and I'm still third or fourth top scorer in Belgium even now, early in the New Year. I'd scored about 12 goals this season for them.

SHOOT: We heard reports about your disagreements with the Bruges coach, Ernst Happel. What was that about?

DAVIES: It was all right at the start and for most of the first season. But near the end of my stay there, we had some rows during training. He said he wouldn't let me go until the end of the season. I found Happel a strange man in many ways. He was very difficult to get on with and wasn't at all friendly with the players. He was withdrawn and a very hard man. But he didn't make me leave — he wouldn't have pushed me out if I hadn't wanted to go.

SHOOT: How did Belgian football compare with the English game you had been used to, Roger?

DAVIES: It is nothing like as physical over there. For a striker, that is good because you get more chances to play with the ball and not get clogged. It is far more technical than here — in England, it is very physical and that's something Belgian football certainly isn't. Over there this season, I had trouble with bookings and suspensions. But I got the yellow card mostly for things like ordinary tackles. Over there, they are not allowed, but here the same tackle wouldn't raise an eyebrow.

SHOOT: The financial side of your spell there must have been beneficial, Roger.

DAVIES: Certainly, I made some money and saved because that was the idea of going in the first place. But the extra money went on the cost of living. Things are three or four times more expensive over there and ordinary day to day living is extremely expensive.

SHOOT: Did you find you missed English football?

DAVIES: In a strange sort of way, yes, I did. I even thought at one stage it would be nice to get back to some old-fashioned clogging on the strikers.

I'M GLAD TO BE BACK

Roger Davies left Derby County, where he earned the title of 'Super Sub', to carve a new career with F.C. Bruges, a crack Belgian side. With them he won League and Cup medals — then suddenly decided to return to England with struggling Leicester City. Here he gives his reasons for his astounding return . .



Roger Davies (second right) was top scorer for Bruges last season.

That's what I had always been used to and it seemed odd not to be getting that sort of treatment.

SHOOT: Would you recommend to other British players a spell abroad?

DAVIES: Yes, I think if they can stand living away from England. It's a worthwhile experience. I learned a lot, not only about the way the Continentals play football. It's an education, too, to live outside England for a while. And it probably makes you appreciate England more, too. I think it's better to go when you're fairly young rather than just go to America or somewhere at the end of your career.

SHOOT: Would you say the language was a problem, Roger?

DAVIES: Well, it certainly can be a major stumbling block. I found most of the players spoke a little English and I picked up a bit of Flemish. But it's not an ideal situation, I must admit that.

SHOOT: How did you come to join Leicester?

DAVIES: Well, Frank McLintock came over and made me a very attractive offer so I was happy to sign.

I've got a lot of time for Frank. It's a shame things haven't gone better so far.

SHOOT: Bearing in mind Leicester's perilous position in the relegation zone, Roger, do you now regret joining them?

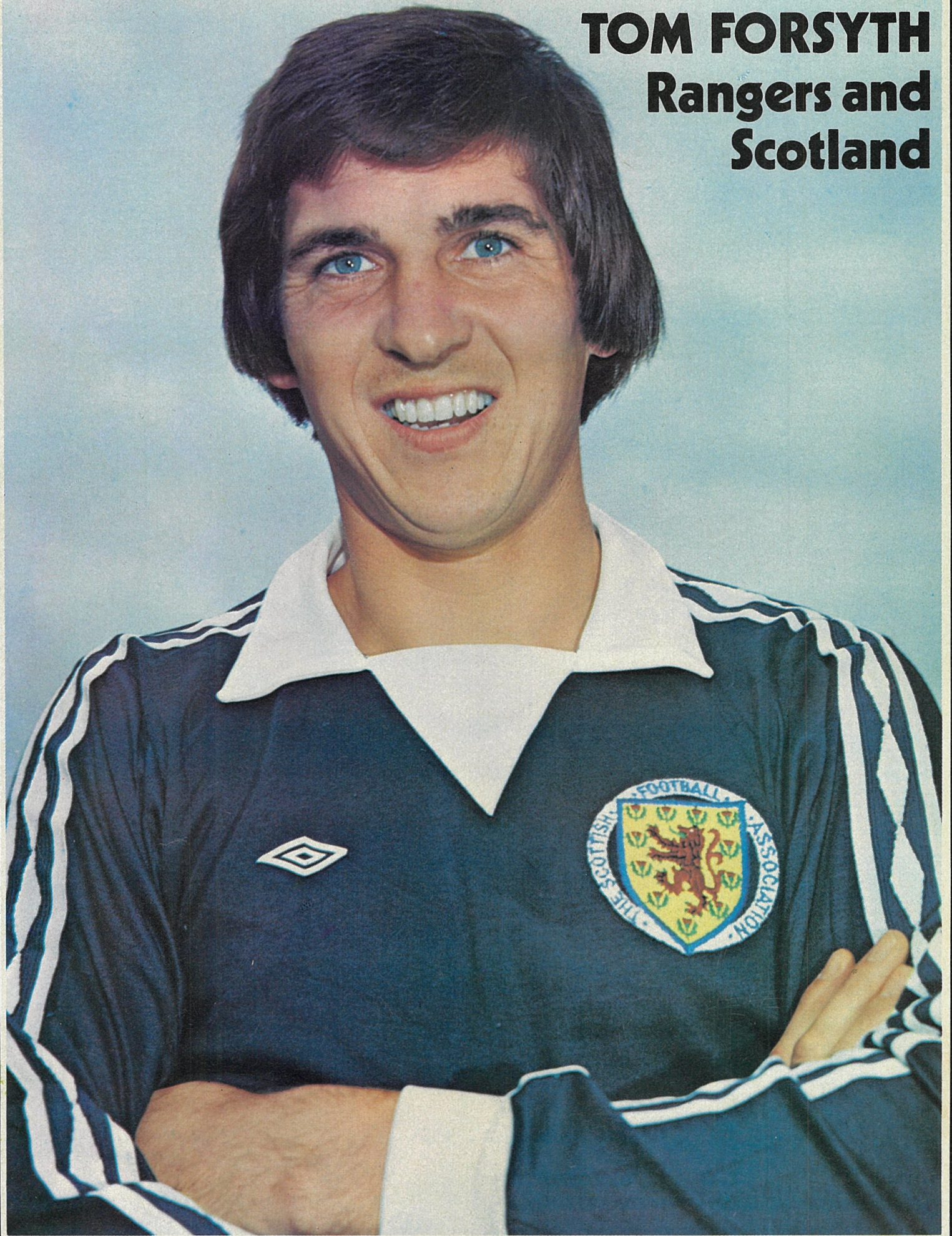
DAVIES: Not in the slightest. They're a fine club with good players. If the worse comes to the worst and we go down, okay — we'll just have to fight hard to make sure we come back first time next season.

SHOOT: Finally, people in English soccer are saying it has changed this season — teams are more attack-minded and there are not as many fouls etc. In the 18 months you were in Belgium, have you noticed any difference in the game here?

DAVIES: Quite honestly, I don't think it's altered at all while I've been away. It doesn't look any more attack-minded than before, and it's still the same old route to scoring goals — the high ball into the penalty-area and someone clogging you in the back. But despite that, I'm glad to be back and a part of it. The style, the atmosphere — it's all distinctly English and I don't think it will ever be any different.



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